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Crockford's article savages Runcie style

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

A remarkable personal attack on the competence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has been published with official Church of England approval today, signalling a crisis of confidence in his leadership and provoking a furious response from his allies in the Church.

It is contained in the unsigned preface to the 1987 edition of *Crockford's*, the clerical directory, which is published by the Church Commissioners and the General Synod's central board of finance.

Dr Runcie is accused of indecision, of lacking firm principles, and of following whatever is the wish of the majority in the Church. "It would therefore be good to be assured that he actually knew what he was doing," the anonymous author of the Preface declares. Dr Runcie is painted as a man without the conviction or courage to lead the Church in any direction, preferring to drift with the mood of the moment.

The author goes on to allege that a high proportion of senior church appointments have been allocated to his own circle and those whose paths have crossed his. Dr Runcie's background is described as "elitist liberalism", and he is said to view both Anglo-Catholics and Evangelicals with distaste for being unstylish.

"His clear preference is for men of liberal disposition with a moderately 'catholic' style, which is not taken to the point of having firm principles," it goes on. "If in addition they have a good appearance and are articulate over the media he is prepared to overlook a certain theological deficiency."

The publication of the Preface of *Crockford's* is an important biennual event in the Church, more so since the Church took over its publication from Oxford University Press in 1985.

The two top lay officials in the Church, the First Church Estates Commissioner, Sir Douglas Lovelock and the Secretary-General of the General Synod, Mr Derek Pattinson, share responsibility for selecting the senior churchman invited to write the Preface.

Defenders of Dr Runcie were saying yesterday that these two men had put themselves in a most embarrassing position with the archbishop, for they must have selected the author knowing his general views, and they must have decided to go ahead and publish the Preface.

It is clear the author is highly placed, and he claims to have detailed information on the Crown Appointments Commission, the Church's most confidential body.

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Dr Runcie, aged 66, would normally be expected to leave office before his 70th birthday. But the retiring age of bishops has been coming down, and it would be open to him to quit any time after the Lambeth Conference next summer.

One interpretation of the *Crockford's* attack, therefore, is that it marks the opening round in a battle over the succession. An obvious candidate the Preface seems designed to harm is the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, who is coupled with Dr Runcie in several passages.

Although embargoed until this morning the text has been circulating among senior members of the clergy for some days. It was immediately denounced by the Rt Rev John Taylor, who succeeded Dr Runcie as Bishop of St Albans in 1980, and was labelled "anonymous, gutless malice" by the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt Rev William Westwood.

Other senior officials supported the article, with one leading layman saying it represented a growing feeling within the Church.

Dr Runcie himself was maintaining what was called a "dignified silence".

The Preface writer refers to his task when he says in the opening passage: "It is not easy for any individual churchman to write such an independent survey in his own name, for inevitably it will point to matters which are not for our comfort, and it must deal with personalities. It is therefore a fortunate circumstance that there exists a longstanding custom that each edition of *Crockford's* directory should have an anonymous Preface in which Anglican affairs are subjected to the scrutiny of a writer who is given complete independence."



Dr Runcie: Maintaining a "dignified silence".

Mail boxes sealed and ministers consider suspending monopoly

Thousands in postal strike as talks falter

By John Spicer and Robin Oakley

More than 4,500 postal workers went on strike last night as the Government made plain its willingness to consider the suspension of the Post Office monopoly on mail delivery.

Postal workers throughout the country started a series of 24-hour strikes which are expected to cause severe disruption to the mail over the next few days.

The action began yesterday afternoon as talks between the postmen's leader, Mr Alan Tuffin, and the Post Office chairman, Sir Bryan Nicholson, were continuing at Post Office headquarters.

By the evening the strike had spread to several other areas. The first action began when 900 workers at the main Glasgow sorting office and 460 at Southend walked out on a 24-hour strike to back the demand of their union, the Union of Communication Workers, for a three-hour cut in the working week.

By 5pm 1,000 van drivers in London had joined the action and will be out until 5 this afternoon. This means that mail collected by vans from stations to be taken to key points throughout London will be stranded. The drivers, who have 650 vehicles, normally handle 10 million letters a day.

Another 1,060 workers at the key south-east London district office in Borough High Street joined the 24-hour action at 10 last night. They normally handle 1.5 million items a day for the whole of south-east London.

Last night the Post Office warned people living in the area to post elsewhere while they sealed the 93 collection boxes in the area.

At midnight 1,000 postal workers at the main Brighton sorting office began their 24-hour action.

If the Government is forced by a breakdown of the mail service to suspend the Post Office monopoly, then ministers are planning to do so for longer than the duration of a strike or work-to-rule.

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Their feeling is that if they were to suspend the monopoly only for such a short period then the only people tempted to take on postal deliveries would be cheapjack outfits and "cowboy" firms. Only by suspending the monopoly for up to a year, they feel, would the reputable courier services be prepared to take on the extra staff and set up the organization needed to take on such work.

Mrs Thatcher has said nothing publicly about the industrial dispute, but she has let it be known that, although she would not do so lightly, she would be quite prepared to back suspension of the monopoly if the mail service deteriorated sufficiently.

That is why some union leaders had been hoping to keep the industrial action down to the level where the Government did not feel justified in acting.

The Government has the power under Section 69 of the British Telecom Act of 1981 to suspend the monopoly swiftly. It can be done within 24 hours by a statutory instrument laid before Parliament.

There are precedents for such Government action. In November 1981 the Government suspended the Post Office monopoly on all letters requiring more than £1 in postage, giving a boost to the development of courier services.

In 1984 there was another suspension when it appeared that a postal dispute was likely to result in election literature for that summer's European Parliament elections and for the Portsmouth West by-election not being sent out. The industrial action was called off before the suspension of the monopoly was activated.

In the Commons yesterday Labour MPs, including former Postmaster-General Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, pressed unsuccessfully for a Commons debate on the postal dispute.

Two hours after the breakdown in talks Mr Harry Ewing, a former junior minister, demanded an emergency debate.

Mr Ewing claimed that during the last strike private firms had charged 10 times the price of a stamp, but after the strike ended they handed over to the Post Office for delivery hundreds of thousands of letters for which they had charged.

Mr Benn said the Post Office had been a public service since 1666 and it was Britain's oldest public industry. "A dispute of this kind is not a matter solely for the Post Office management and the unions," he said.

Mr Tuffin arrived at the Post Office headquarters yesterday saying unspecified action would start immediately if his meeting with Sir Bryan made no progress. He spent the first session being told by the Post Office chairman "very, very firmly" of the dangers to postal workers jobs and to Post Office business if any strike action went ahead.

Mr Tuffin and other union officials told Sir Bryan of their anger over the Post Office's refusal to go beyond the offer of a one-hour cut in the working week, which they have already rejected.

Mr Tuffin and UCW negotiators left Sir Bryan just before 1pm, apparently with any chance of agreement exhausted. It was at this juncture that Mr Tuffin contacted his headquarters in Clapham to order the start of the 24-hour strikes at Glasgow and Southend.



Pickets at Glasgow's main sorting office, where 900 postal workers were among the first to start a 24-hour strike last night.

Hurd gets tough with gun laws

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Greater powers are to be given to the police to check applications for shotgun certificates under tough firearms curbs proposed by the Government yesterday to restore public confidence in the system of gun control.

A Bill to ban ownership of high-powered self-loading rifles, of the kind used by Michael Ryan in the Hungerford killings, and possession of short-burst weapons and pump-action rifles will be introduced to the Commons before Christmas. After it becomes law next summer there will be a firearms amnesty.

The Government has speeded up its proposals because of mounting public concern in the wake of the fatal shootings at Hungerford, Bristol and Wolverhampton. But it has rejected Labour demands for a ban on mail-order sales of weapons and is not to limit the number of weapons an individual can possess.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, promised Conservative and Labour backbenchers concerned that the Government had not acted to outlaw the sale of weapons by mail order that he would keep his "beady" eye on their business.

But Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Home Secretary, said the absence of any restriction on mail-order sales was the "one remarkable loophole and the one opportunity to evade the tighter control the Home Secretary advocates".

However, Mr Hattersley praised the Home Secretary for bravely standing up to the gun lobby and promised full support for the proposals.

Ministers have also rejected calls for more stringent controls on the storage of ammunition in the home and the option of doctors providing medical references in support of applications for firearm or shotgun certificates.

While the White Paper published yesterday enables the Government to introduce compulsory photographic identity passes for those wishing to buy guns and ammunition, the cost of such a system means they are not planning immediate introduction.

The Government also does not plan a central gun register, though officials believe that it will be easy to keep a check through computerization of gun ownership by the 43 police forces in England and Wales.

No compensation is to be offered to the owners of 8,000 weapons that will either have to be sold on the international market or handed to police when they are banned under the new proposals. Their estimated value is £2.4 million but Mr Hurd rejected angry demands for compensation from Conservative backbenchers.

Mr Hurd won general approval for measures which he said struck a balance between the interests of the legitimate shooting community and the need to provide adequate protection for the public.

His proposals, he said, were neither "tyrannical nor unreasonable" but he added: "Public confidence in the existing system of control has been quite roughly shaken this year and if shooters are to have a sure foundation to carry on their sport, we need to make progress beyond the present controls: otherwise, the system will always be shaky and under question".

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Shake-up planned on Whitehall secrecy

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

The Government's determination that there will never again be a case like that of former MI5 officer Peter Wright is leading it to prepare a restatement of the secrecy laws couched in terms of a lifelong obligation on all Crown servants to maintain confidentiality.

Government lawyers are working on a plan to make breach of confidence by Civil Servants, including employees of the Security Service, a criminal offence.

Officials or former officials accused of offences could be subject to extradition from foreign countries. This is obviously aimed at Mr Wright, who lives in Tasmania.

Two signals of the new approach emerged yesterday. One was the publication (in a written answer in the House of Commons) by the Prime Minister of a new code of conduct for Civil Servants who have a "crisis of conscience". The Government is prepared to allow such an official — including a serving or former officer of the Security Service — a formal right to take his or her grievance to the Head of the Civil Service.

In return, the rules governing leaking and whistle-blowing outside the service are to be toughened.

Mr Richard Shepherd, the backbench Conservative MP who plans to introduce his own revision of the Official Secrets Act next week, yesterday disclosed that he had been informed "through the ether" that the Government no longer considers the Official Secrets Act the main issue.

At present issues of confidentiality are treated under the civil law; the Government

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Rates may fall

Interest rates in Britain could be about to fall if West Germany cuts its rates today, as expected, as part of an effort to boost world economic growth. Bonn has agreed a £7 billion plan for subsidized loans to local authorities and companies.....Page 21

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The subcontracting of business services is growing at about 35 per cent a year, says an introduction to today's eight pages of General Appointments.....Pages 27-34

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Sinn Fein man held by RUC

By John Cooney

Martin McGuinness, the vice-president of Sinn Fein, was arrested yesterday in Londonderry by the Royal Ulster Constabulary as part of the Government's post-Enniskillen drive against the Provisional IRA.

Last night an RUC spokesman said Mr McGuinness was being held for questioning at the Castlereagh holding centre in Belfast in connection with "serious crime".

Police suspect that Mr McGuinness is a member of the IRA army council. His arrest is an indication that the security forces want to assemble up-to-date information on the IRA's command structure and its strategy to escalate "the armed struggle."

Mr McGuinness was being held under section 12 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

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King's Cross fire inquiry date set

By Rodney Cowton and Tony Dawe

Scores of experts and eye witnesses are to be called next year to give evidence to the public inquiry to establish how and why 31 people lost their lives in the King's Cross Underground fire two weeks ago.

At a preliminary hearing of the inquiry yesterday at Church House, Westminster, Mr Roger Henderson, QC, who will take the lead in presenting the evidence, made it clear that the inquiry will consider all aspects of the operations of the Underground.

He said that about 800 statements had been taken from eye witnesses and others.

Mr Henderson suggested that the hearing of evidence should begin on January 25, but Mr Lionel Read, QC, said that would not allow his clients, London Regional Transport and London Underground, enough time to assemble all the necessary information.

In arguing for as early a start as possible, Mr Henderson said: "We must not fail to learn the lessons as soon as possible lest other lives be lost."

After an adjournment, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, who is conducting the inquiry, announced that hearings would

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begin on February 1. He said: "I desire to underline that this investigation has only one goal — to ascertain the cause of the tragedy and to try and make sure it never happens again".

Lawyers estimated it would take about three months to hear all the evidence.

Mr Fennell had opened the

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Villager's find sparks a mammoth controversy

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A find by a woman walking her dog along a Shropshire lane has provoked an international controversy about the fate of the mammoth, over which scientists in Britain, America and Russia are locked in argument.

Britain's leading expert, Dr Adrian Lister has been astonished by tests which reveal that the creatures were roaming Britain for 5,000 years longer than previously believed.

An investigation by Dr Lister, a zoologist at Cambridge University, and Dr Russell Coope, a geologist at Birmingham University, shows that the four mammoths whose fossilized remains were found at Condover were lumbering across Shropshire 12,800 years ago.

Their conclusions throw doubt on the accepted idea that the spread of Stone Age man led to the mammoth's extinction in Europe and North America; an alternative explanation is a dramatic change in climate.

Dr Lister said it was the most important find of mammoth remains ever in Britain.

The latest evidence, published in today's issue of the science magazine *Nature*, comes from research that followed a stroke of luck for the scientists: the relics might have been lost but for the vigilance of a villager, Mrs Eve Roberts, when taking her dog for walk.

She noticed what looked like fossilized bones sticking from a heap of discarded material newly excavated from a gravel pit. Mrs Roberts telephoned the Shropshire Museum Service, which contacted Dr Lister, the only scientist in Britain working on elephant-type fossils.

Dr Lister says the group of four mammoths include the most complete adult skeleton found in Britain. It is of a male about 12 feet tall, which weighed about 30 tonnes and was 30 years old.

The others are two three-year-olds, each five feet tall and about three-quarters of a tonne, and a five-year-old of about one tonne and six feet.

The time at which they died was confirmed by radiocarbon dating and their ages by analysis of their teeth.

The animals were trapped in a type of crater that geologists call a kettle hole. Kettle holes were formed by the melting of vast blocks of ice.

Analysis of pollens, plants and insects shows that the sides of the hole would have contained rich vegetation that would have attracted the mammoths. Dr Lister speculated that the mammoths either became bogged down in the clay mire at the bottom of the kettle or the sides were so steep they could not get out.

The fossils are in such good condition that the scientists are able to extract protein from the bones. Some samples are being examined by a team in California, which has recently obtained genetic "blueprints", or DNA, from specimens from Egyptian mummies and from fragments of skin of an extinct animal, the quagga, that was related to the zebra.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Thatcher speech is condemned

The Prime Minister's criticism of a change proposed by the Irish government to extradition procedures is believed to have proved counter-productive. It is thought to have helped to ensure the safe passage last night of a Bill containing new safeguards for Irish citizens wanted for trial.

During the committee stage of the Bill yesterday Mr John Kelly, a former attorney general, accused Mrs Thatcher of speaking out of place. Far from being "the least favoured nation" as Mrs Thatcher had said, Britain was the most favoured nation so far as Ireland's extradition procedures were concerned, Mr Kelly said.

Later on Irish radio Mr Alan Dukes, leader of Fine Gael, the main opposition party, described Mrs Thatcher's remarks as "extremely ill-informed".

Tax win on homes

Britain last night defeated EEC moves to add 15 per cent VAT to new home prices.

The Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg backed the Government's claim to exempt housing from Community rules. The full court will give a final ruling next year.

The Advocate General, one of the European Court judges, agreed with the Government's view that zero-rating of new houses was part of its home ownership plan.

Yard will not close

Trafalgar House yesterday promised that the Scott Lithgow shipyard, which is to be placed on a care and maintenance basis from February, will not close.

The Port Glasgow yard, which opened in 1711 and is believed to be the world's oldest shipyard, once employed up to 10,000 men. It will be left with a crew of little more than 100 after most of the remaining 800 jobs disappear in the new year.

The only work left is on the Britoil rig, Ocean Alliance, due to be completed within weeks.

Youthful Porter



Janet Street-Porter was yesterday put in charge of all BBC television programming for the under 25 age group.

The former Fleet Street writer, who is 41, takes up her appointment as editor, youth programming in the new year and will also be involved in presenting and developing popular arts programmes for BBC 2.

She said yesterday: "I see this job as an opportunity to create for the BBC a strong and coherent policy for this kind of programming. The under 25 area is a difficult catch."

Heysel plea rejected

The Belgian Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of five British football supporters, held in connection with the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster, against their prolonged pretrial custody. Only one of them, Keith Reed, aged 21, from Liverpool, had his case presented by a Belgian lawyer.

Twenty-one of the 25 British supporters extradited to Belgium on September 9 to face trial in connection with the Heysel stadium deaths remain in prison. Four have been released but are likely to be tried too.

● The Home Office and the Foreign Office have rejected an appeal by Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, to help relatives of the detained men with travel costs to visit those in jail.

Sex drug ruling

A child sexual offender aged 27 whose chemical castration treatment has been stopped, failed in the High Court, London, yesterday to get it restarted.

The Mental Health Act Commission claimed that he was being used as a human guinea pig for the drug.

But the man, who has been jailed four times for offences against boys, asked to be taken back into hospital, saying that his sexual drive was returning.

Mr Justice Taylor refused an emergency order for the treatment and adjourned the case for two weeks.

Private delivery companies hire extra staff for expected rush

Strike 'may end Post Office monopoly'

By Roland Rudd

Private postal companies are hoping that a postal strike could signal a permanent break-up of the Post Office mail monopoly.

The private companies have hired extra vehicles, drivers and sorters to cope with an expected increase in business after the Prime Minister's warning that she is prepared to suspend the monopoly on mail delivery if postal workers go on strike.

The 1981 British Telecommunication Act allows private companies to operate "time-sensitive mail" so long as the company charges £1 or more. In practice, the Act legalized what had gone on before.

Postal Plan, a private same-day London delivery company, which began in June last year, has made contingency plans for a strike and is confident it could deliver up to 120,000 letters and parcels a day.

Mr Lee Myers, general manager of Postal Plan, said yesterday: "The Post Office continually breaks its promise. They are unable to deliver a first class service and now the union is holding the country to ransom by going on strike over Christmas. It is time the Government injected some free enterprise into the industry."

Mr Alan Jones, managing director of TNT, a rival delivery company, said he was eager to see the Government use its power to break the monopoly and allow independent firms "a wider opportunity to compete".

Mr Jones said his company, which was geared for a strike, could "easily deal with the new business". He called on Mrs Thatcher to abolish the monopoly altogether.

He said TNT already offered a cheaper and more efficient overseas service. The company's last Christmas posting date for letters to New Zealand was December 17; 10 days after the Post Office.

However, the companies would have a difficult time producing a service as extensive or as cheap. The Post Office handles 100 million letters a day at Christmas.

Meanwhile, the Post Office National Council believes the Post Office continues to fool both itself and its customers about the quality of its mail service. In a survey of 4,231 letters posted throughout Britain between June and September, it found that an average of 72 per cent of second class mail arrived within three working days.

The dispute centres on a claim by the Union of Communication Workers for a three-hour reduction in the working week. Management rejected the claim because they said it would wipe out the company's £150 million profit and would lead to an extra 2p on the price of stamps.

They offered a one-hour reduction tied to new working practices, including:

● A revised bonus scheme to replace the one introduced seven years ago;

● An agreement to allow work to be transferred to different sorting offices to ease congestion;

● More flexibility to take on staff, including part-timers.

● A late-afternoon Saturday collection and a single Sunday collection.

Post Office workers have been accused of the same kind of "Spanish practices" which affect television companies, and of sabotaging mail deliveries.

The union will not accept the package unless the Post Office agrees to a shorter working week. But as neither side can agree on how long the present working week is, there seems little chance of agreement.

Super-cold conductors grow more powerful

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

Scientists in the United States claimed a breakthrough yesterday in the exploitation of ceramic "superconductors" whose ability to lose all electrical resistance when chilled promises to transform technology.

Dr Sungho Jin and colleagues of AT&T Bell laboratories, New Jersey, announced that they have developed a way of making the ceramic materials carry 100 times more electrical current than anyone else has achieved.

Its inventors are talking about making small motors out of the ceramics, which would mark their first large-scale application.

Before the breakthrough, many scientists had been worried by experiments that showed samples of the material needed to make, for example, magnets for medical scanners, lost their superconducting ability when exposed to large electric currents.

Superconducting ceramics made using the new process keep their peculiar properties even in relatively intense magnetic fields.

Details of the process used by the laboratories are being kept secret while patents are drawn up.

However, it apparently involves melting and then slowing cooling the mixture of compounds making up the superconductor so that needle-like crystals about one millimetre long are formed throughout the sample.

The normal sintering process produces much smaller crystals with far lower electricity-carrying capacity.

Dr Gilbert Chin, director of materials physics research at the laboratories, said yesterday the process should also shed light on the mystery of why the ceramics become superconducting when cooled to minus 196 degrees centigrade.

Hurd gets tough with gun laws



A Scotland Yard officer displaying some of the rifles, shotguns and pistols which the Government plans to ban: 1, Lee Enfield rifle (already covered by Firearms Act); 2, semi-automatic Kalashnikov; 3, German Suiz machine gun; 4, .30 M1 semi-automatic carbine (similar to one of the weapons used by Michael Ryan, the Hungerford killer); 5, 9mm Beretta pistol; 6, .308 Belgian semi-automatic rifle; 7, Franchi SPAS 12-bore, pump action shotgun (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Birmingham bombing verdict 'was correct'

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The guilty verdicts against six Irishmen in the Birmingham bombings trial 12 years ago remained safe and satisfactory, Court of Appeal judges were told yesterday.

Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the crown, said at the close of his five-day speech: "There should not be the slightest possible doubt that the jury which convicted these men in 1975 was right to do so".

Lord Gifford, QC, for the appellants, said the 1975 jury was unable to hear evidence raised at the appeal, and "therefore their verdicts cannot be safe".

Earlier, Mr Judge urged the court to exonerate Dr Frank Skuse, a former forensic scientist, over his part in the case.

The evidence given by Dr Skuse at the trial 12 years ago that he had positive nitroglycerine results from two of the men is being challenged.

Each of the six was jailed for life at Lancaster Crown Court for the murders in 1974 of 21 people in explosions at two Birmingham public houses. The hearing continues.

● Actors will tonight re-enact parts of the appeal hearing in a 90-minute Channel 4 television programme. It is believed to be the first re-creation of a current court case to be broadcast in this country.

But he admitted that his measures could not give a guarantee against criminal behaviour or protect society against the individual who lost control in a fit of madness.

Under the Government proposals, greater onus will be put on chief police officers to screen people seeking shotgun certificates; they will have to satisfy themselves that an applicant has good reason for possessing a shotgun and can do so without endangering the public.

Firearms dealers will only be authorized to trade if they prove that dealing in weapons is a substantial business activity. Shotguns will in future be listed on certificates and their disposal notified to the police.

Stun guns, portable rocket launchers, bazookas and mortars along with grenades, bombs and other missiles are to be banned. Weapons "converted down" to a lower classification will retain the higher classification applying to the orignal weapon and there will be a new statutory obligation on shotgun owners to keep their weapons under "lock and key".

A harsh response to the White Paper later came from Mr David Owen, chief constable of North Wales and chairman of the powerful crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

In a lengthy statement Mr Owen said the association in general supported the main thrust of the proposals but they contained serious flaws. In particular, it wanted to see shotguns brought under the same tougher controls as other firearms.

Doctors oppose abortion time cut

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Six leading medical organizations criticized yesterday proposals to reduce the upper time limit for abortions and gave a warning that up to 500 babies a year could be born handicapped if existing laws are changed.

They said the reduction to 18 weeks, advocated in a private member's Bill by Mr David Alton, a Liberal MP, would lead to a return to criminal abortions and discriminate against women such as those carrying an abnormal foetus.

The warnings were given by the royal colleges representing obstetricians and gynaecologists, midwives and general practitioners, the British Medical Association, British Paediatric Association and the Clinical Genetics Society.

They said the age of viability, beyond which abortions should not be performed, should be reduced from 28 weeks' to 24 weeks' gestation to reflect medical advances.

But the 18-week limit proposed by Mr Alton had no scientific basis and would not allow time for diagnostic tests for abnormalities.

Print worker killed himself

William Krohn, aged 43, a production manager at the Wapping plant of News International in east London, drowned himself in the Thames because he believed he was being followed by former colleagues.

His cousin, Police Constable Ian Robson, told an inquest at Poplar coroner's court that Mr Krohn, of Peckham, south-east London, became paranoid after working throughout the print unions' strike.

Death charges

Colin Pitchfork, aged 27, was yesterday committed for trial charged with murdering Lynda Mann and Dawn Ashworth, both aged 15. Mr Pitchfork, a father of two, of Littlethorpe, Leicestershire, was remanded in custody by Leicester county magistrates.

Hospital term

Anthony Bowl, aged 51, a paranoid schizophrenic who smiled as he pushed a woman to her death under an express train, must be held in Broadmoor security hospital without limit of time, Mr Justice McNeill ruled at the Central Criminal Court, London, yesterday.

Passport win

A wanted Briton living in Spain will get a new passport without returning to the UK and facing probable arrest. The High Court yesterday quashed a decision by the British Embassy in Madrid not to issue a full passport to Mr Ronald Everett, aged 56.

Sellafield quiz

Police were last night investigating the alleged removal of a radioactive canister from the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria. British Nuclear Fuels said there was no risk to the public. A worker aged 27 has been suspended.

Battle expected over the showing of films

By Ronald Faux

Government plans for more competition among cinemas are certain to be resisted by the powerful groups that distribute and exhibit films in Britain.

Talks with the Department of Trade and Industry will take place soon on a proposal that the exclusive rights to popular films enjoyed by the leading distributors should be made illegal under the Fair Trading Law.

The Association of Cinematograph Exhibitors was yesterday studying a report to Parliament from Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, proposing to stop arrangements that prevent other local cinemas from showing the same films at the same time.

An end to the practice, known as barring, was recommended in a 1983 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report and experiments in Manchester and Glasgow allowed access to popular films by smaller independent exhibitors.

The Office of Fair Trading has concluded that distributors and exhibitors were unlikely to suffer if wider access was allowed across the industry.

TV-am bosses training to break strike

Secretaries and senior TV-am management, including Mr Paul Vickers, the company solicitor, were learning yesterday to be cameramen to put out an improved service from Monday in defiance of 229 striking technicians.

Since the dispute over manning levels began viewers have been receiving only limited news bulletins and cartoons.

At Thames Television, members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance will vote tonight on whether to accept new working practices. They have been warned that unless they agree to more flexible working practices, they face dismissal.

BBC outflanks the Foreign Office

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Foreign Office attempts to make the BBC External Services financially accountable for its £88 million annual grant were exposed by the Commons public accounts committee yesterday.

In a scathing report, the all-party committee chronicled the sustained success of the External Services in beating off the Foreign Office, but scornfully dismissed the BBC argument that its independence could be threatened by greater accountability.

The Foreign Office, accused of lack of rigour, had been trying since 1983 to secure access for the Comptroller and Auditor General to the BBC's books to check how effectively the External Services used the grant, but had failed to overcome BBC intransigence.

Access to the BBC's books had also been recommended after an independent review in 1985 reported that the financial memorandum detailing the relationship between the Foreign Office and the External Services urgently needed revision.

The memorandum has still to be agreed by the BBC, and the External Services has secured three-year rather than one-year funding from the Foreign Office in spite of Treasury insistence that that should be conceded only if the BBC agreed to the memorandum.

The report is littered with examples showing the need for greater overseeing of the External Services' expenditure.

It notes the almost complete absence of any Foreign Office criteria for measuring the effectiveness of the External Services.

It discloses that the BBC is subsidizing Voice of America and other users of its Ascension Island facilities by billing them quarterly in arrears. Debts exceeded £4 million.

It cites an occasion last year when the BBC switched £1.7 million from its current expenditure grant to help meet a £3 million overrun on authorized capital expenditure. The BBC had explained that in the two weeks between preparing its final estimate of need and the end of the financial year payments had matured unexpectedly.

The report says: "We do not accept the Foreign Office view that these events reflect no more than a slight failure of information".

The BBC argument that greater accountability would jeopardize its independence is given short shrift by the committee.

BBC External Services: Financial Control and Accountability to Parliament (Stationery Office; £4.70).

Ban on Spycatcher 'futile'

A permanent ban on press reporting of Mr Peter Wright's allegations of MI5 misconduct would be futile, a QC told the *Spycatcher* hearing in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, for *The Sunday Times*, told Mr Justice Scott that the only "appropriate remedy" was to try to deprive Mr Wright of the profits from his book, which has sold a million copies worldwide.

The Government's case for a permanent press ban is contested by *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and the *Observer*.

Mr Lester said in London that the Government's aim was to "deter future Mr Wrongs from following the example set by Mr Wright".

If it was accepted that Mr Wright's conduct in breaching his duty of silence had set a bad example for the future, it would be a "legitimate objective" for the Government to seek to ruin him financially.

Any future Mr Wrights could be more effectively dealt with by means other than the present type of action.

The hypothetical behaviour of such an "oddball" as Mr Wright was not sufficient to justify a blanket gag on the whole British media.

Mr Lester said that if the prospect of others imitating Mr Wright's example was a genuine, serious risk, it was extraordinary that the Government had taken no real steps apart from engaging in court actions in four countries to plug the loophole which had allowed publication of the book in the United States.

The hearing continues today.

● Mr Michael Mavin, a company director from Hayes, west London, arrested last August while selling copies of *Spycatcher* at the side of the A40, yesterday failed to postpone the date of his trial.

Distant clue to galaxy

The most distant object yet observed from Earth has been discovered by British and American astronomers.

The scientists, from Cambridge University and the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, said yesterday the quasar they traced was between 9,000 million and 18,000 million light years away.

Light from such distant quasars, which speed away from the centre of the universe, takes so long to reach Earth that astronomers are actually seeing something when the universe was one tenth its present age.

Their existence challenges some theories that suggest a late formation of galaxies, this week's science journal, *Nature*, says. The quasar was observed in New South Wales.

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Average high-pay Briton is 'unfit, boring workaholic'

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The average high-earning Briton is a workaholic who avoids physical or cultural pursuits and is boring and unadventurous compared with his European and American counterparts, according to a survey published today.

He, and occasionally she, is middle-aged rather than being a "yuppie", who prefers a night in front of the television to attending the theatre or opera, and saves money by personally doing home repairs and improvement (DIY) and going on package or camping and caravan holidays.

Unlike Europeans, the typical well-off person does not place a high priority on having a second home and tends to spend more money on gadgets, children, cars and stocks and shares.

When not at work, probably in the private sector, the wealthy Briton relaxes by walking or playing golf. He enjoys reading but does less of it than other nationalities. He also has a conscience, and devotes far more time to charitable and voluntary work than his counterparts.

Curiously, the tax paid by a high earner in Britain stimulates him more than others to earn extra money in order to boost his disposable income.

The insight into the lifestyle, spending habits and views of the top 5 per cent of households is disclosed in the first survey of the world's rich, carried out by International Research Associates, a collection of research companies in North America and Europe.

More than 4,200 interviews were conducted in Belgium, France, West Germany, Britain, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

In Britain, households with a total annual income of £25,000 or more qualified for the survey, provided the main earner was not paid less than £20,000. The average household income is £11,000.

In spite of Big Bang and reported high earnings among young people in the City, the survey shows most high earners are in the 35-to-54 age group, with an average age of 42, and that 87 per cent are men.

It finds that 42 per cent of high earners work in the private sector, compared with a European average of 33 per cent, and the typical head of an affluent British household works 51 hours a week, more than any nationality apart from the Germans.

Home ownership stands at 96.4 per cent, well above the European average of 82.9 per cent. However only one in 13 owns a second home, compared with more than one in four throughout Europe. Car ownership showed 28.1 per cent own more than two cars, compared with 17.2 per cent in Europe.

Only 48.8 per cent named reading as one of the two activities to which they devote the most time, the lowest of any nationality and more than 8 per cent below the European average. Only 12 per cent concentrate on physical activities, compared with 22 per cent in Europe.

Instead, 44.2 per cent said watching television is a favourite hobby (compared with 35.8 per cent for Europe) and 35.7 per cent enjoy DIY (24.4 per cent). Only 7.8 per cent regularly attend a concert, the theatre or cinema, compared with the French (25.7 per cent), Spanish (34.5 per cent) and a European average of 16.8 per cent.

However 10.4 per cent concentrate on voluntary and charity work, which is double the percentage of other countries.

While 18 per cent of high earners play golf, compared with a European average of 8 per cent, only 14.7 per cent play tennis (25.8 per cent), 8.7 per cent go jogging (16.4 per cent) 8.1 per cent cycle (18.6 per cent) and 10.4 per cent enjoy gymnastics or aerobics (17.7 per cent).

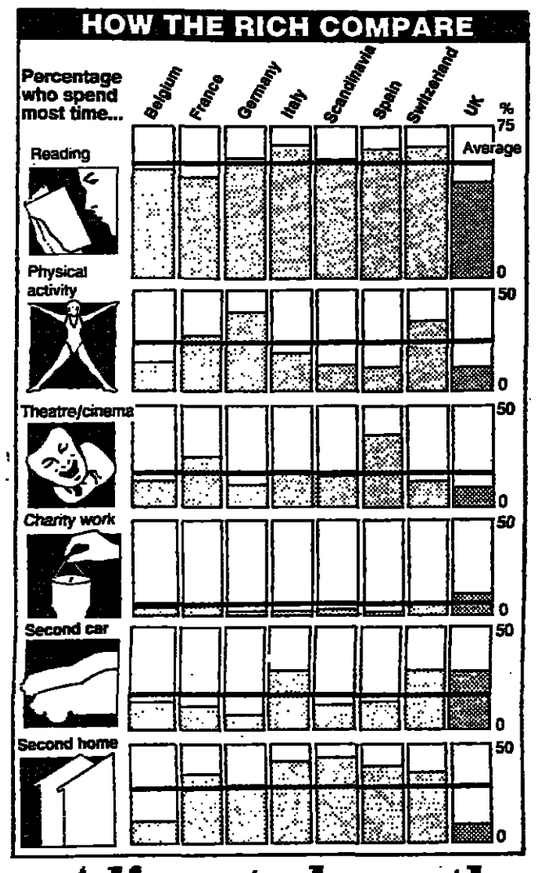
● Most people who work in sales and marketing do not think money is everything when it comes to motivation at work, according to an Institute of Marketing survey (John Spicer writes).

The survey of 1,300 members found that "better leadership encouraged sales representatives most to improve performance and that "more involvement in management" came before more money.

Asked to list the worst and best aspects of their jobs, directors said administration, paperwork and time pressure were the worst.

Sales and Marketing Rewards, 1987-1988 (Reward Regional Surveys, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8BA; £95).

HOW THE RICH COMPARE



Museum lays out a mammoth exhibit



Mrs Jane Davies, an assistant at Shropshire County Museum, yesterday with the jaw and other bones of a fossilized mammoth. (Photograph: Ken Green)

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If genetic samples can be recovered from the mammoths, Dr Lister says it will establish whether the group were from the same family.

Although he is confident of the sex of the male because of its size, he is exchanging information with Russian specialists who are the world experts in sexing mastodons and mammoths from their pelvic measurements and from other details.

It is, however, the research showing the creatures were thriving only 12,800 years ago that intrigues Dr Lister. He said: "We can no longer say there was one simple explanation for their extinction, such as the advance of the ice sheets altering the vegetation or that they were hunted out. An explanation might lie in some combination of environmental factors and the influence of man."

The large bones are in a temporary home in a warehouse provided by Shropshire County Council. The jaws and teeth are being treated at Oxford by Miss Kate Scott, an expert in conservation. Eventually the fossils will become the centrepiece of an exhibition at Cosford Aerospace Museum, in north Shropshire.

Car mileage allowances

Drivers to be taxed on 'high' claims

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Thousands of motorists may be taxed on mileage allowance paid by companies to employees who use private cars for business.

The Inland Revenue is understood to be taking a tougher line on companies who pay an overly generous mileage allowance.

The difference between the Revenue's conservative estimate of car running costs and the higher figures used by many companies is considered to be remuneration for the driver and liable for tax.

Civil Servants pay tax on between 1.9p and 10.9p of the Government's 34.4p a mile allowance, depending on engine size.

Mr Malcolm Ridley, a partner in the accountancy firm Deloitte Haskins and Sells said: "A lot of companies use the Automobile Association figures on mileage allowance or other independent estimates but the Inland Revenue says Civil Servants receive a lower sum and they won't accept higher allowances".

Previously employers would justify their mileage allowance to local tax inspectors but Mr Ridley says this flexible approach will no longer be accepted.

The Inland Revenue denied there had been a recent change in policy. It said the AA allowance included the cost of breakdown recovery membership and the cost of interest foregone on the value of the car, which were liable to tax.

Rigid enforcement of the Inland Revenue allowance is likely to make companies less generous when paying for mileage covered by employees.

The AA estimates the running costs for a car with an engine size less than one litre is 28.3p a mile compared with 23.5p allowed by the Inland Revenue. For an engine between one litre and 1.5 litres the cost is 33.9p and the allowance 28.5p and between 1.5 and 2 litres 40.1p while the Inland Revenue accepts 32.5p for all cars over 1.5 litres.

Breath test kits 'unreliable'

Personal breath test kits are unreliable and could lead motorists to break the drink-driving laws, The Consumers' Association says today.

None of the personal breath test kits tested by the association's magazine, *Which?* measured accurately the alcohol level of volunteers, it said. "They could be a potential danger by failing to tell motorists not to drive when they're actually above the legal limit.

"The advice to motorists must be not to drink and drive, but don't rely on these tests", the association said.

The devices tested were Blow and Go, Alco Check, ATC-1 Alcohol Analyser and Drivesafe Alcohol Test Computer.

The association says that if personal breath test kits are on sale they should be accurate and official standards should be introduced.

Portfolio

Success twice in two years

Mrs Caroline Angela, of Redford, Midhurst, West Sussex, is the only winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000, her second win in just over two years.

Mrs Angela won £4,000 in September 1985, soon after starting to play. She then began to play regularly, checking her numbers often with the help of her youngest daughter, Charlotte, now aged eight.

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Alienated youth warning

By David Walker

Well over half of all 16-year-olds are regular pub-goers, the Economic and Social Research Council said yesterday, in a report on teenage attitudes.

Many young people are contemptuous of politics and politicians, according to a survey in Liverpool, Sheffield, Swindon, Wiltshire and Kirkcaldy, Fife. They spend their leisure in public houses or at home watching videos and have largely abandoned such traditional activities as youth clubs or the cinema.

The council, a government-funded body, is sending the dossier to Whitehall, teachers and the churches under the heading "What Next?" to alert them to what it calls the growth of a generation "alienated and depressed".

Dr Ken Roberts, of Liverpool University, a researcher supported by the council, reported to a seminar yesterday that under-age drinking was now normal. The proportion of young people going to public houses regularly under the age of 18 appeared to be rising, he said.

Other researchers said that in many places only a minority of those who leave school at 16 go into jobs. With the exception of Swindon, less than a fifth of 16-year-olds go into jobs.

The council has agreed to investigate a suggestion by the Prince of Wales that all teenagers join a national scheme for community action.

Abuse doctor used a 'simple test'

A lawyer representing parents at the Cleveland child sexual abuse inquiry yesterday accused a doctor at the centre of the controversy of relying on a 30-second test that was "seductively simple" and still new in its origins.

Dr Geoffrey Wyatt had said that reflex anal dilatation signs he found in children at Middlesbrough General Hospital's child clinic were consistent with sexual abuse.

Mr Simon Hawksworth, QC, said: "This is a seductively simple application. It is so easy to do, a 30-second examination of the anus and it can provide a 100 per cent answer to the cause, if your theory is right."

Mr Hawksworth said the explanation had been catastrophic for families by removing children from their care. "It was placing enormous emphasis, wasn't it, on a sign that was still new in its origins and implication?"

Dr Wyatt replied: "I recognized how sad the situation was, but faced with the problem, unfortunately that was what happened. I can understand how parents react to being told that there are signs of sex abuse. They can see that as a devastating explanation."

Dr Wyatt, who works with Dr Marietta Higgs, the other paediatrician at the centre of the controversy, said that when faced with the child he had no alternative. He said he recognized the separation of a child from its parents, even in hospital, could be damaging.

Asked about his future action, he said: "My actions as a consultant in the future need to be taken in the context of the concerns expressed by this inquiry and the reality of the crisis that has taken place.

"Clearly I have to recognize the lessons of the last few months and the requirements, for the future."

Dr Wyatt said he felt no less persuaded by the validity of the physical signs associated with sexual abuse.

ITV offers break with tradition

By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

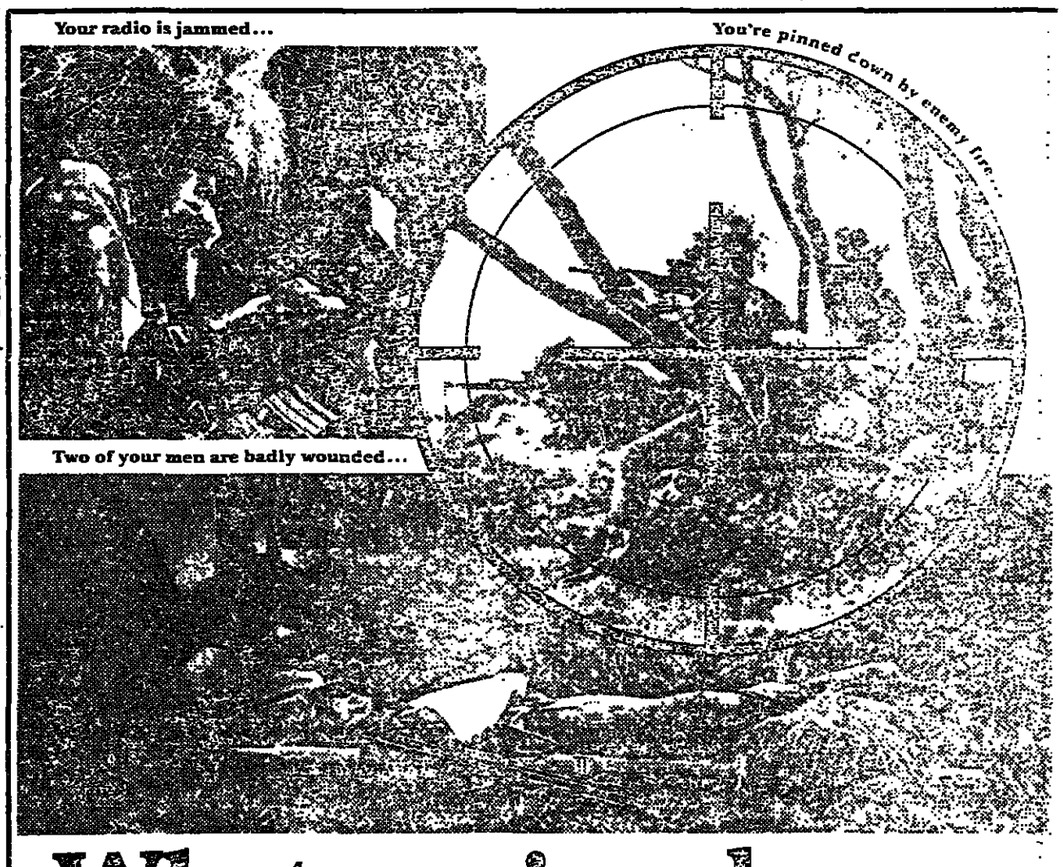
Independent Television unveiled its most lavish Christmas schedule yesterday, a £32 million package ranging from soap opera to the English National Opera.

Jonathan Miller's version of The Mikado, starring Eric Idle as Ko-Ko, was filmed at the London Coliseum this year.

This restaging of the Gilbert and Sullivan favourite, moved from Japan to a 1930s English hotel, is not the only break with artistic tradition. *The Sleeping Beauty* ballet has been reworked as an hour-long ice show, with professional champions Robin Cousins and Rosalynn Sumners.

Jessye Norman, the singer, celebrates Christmas at Ely Cathedral. There will be two documentaries on the Royal *Family and Melvyn Bragg will* present an arts review of the year.

A special Christmas Day edition of *Coronation Street* will mark the end of an era. Hilda Ogden (Jean Alexander) is to leave after 23 years.



Impressionists fail to attract buyers

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market
Correspondent

The art market was behaving unpredictably yesterday. There were high prices for some categories of modern art – German Expressionist prints and a collection of works by the architect Le Corbusier, but other areas such as Impressionism refused to sell.

Christie's did well with their Modern and Contemporary Prints auction in London, with a total of 87 per cent sold. Ernst Ludwig Kirchner topped the prices with his *Russisches Tanzerpaar*, a colourful lithograph of a couple dancers which fetched £99,000 (estimate £100,000 to £150,000). A Kirchner woodblock of Night Dancers, achieved £66,000 – £26,000 over its upper estimate. European private buyers and dealers kept the prices strong.

At £1.6 million, Sotheby's sale of 35 works by Le Corbusier was 50 per cent above its upper estimate. Top price, and a record for the artist, was £390,000 for an oil painting featuring a guitar and a mandolin, its style a cross between the tubular forms of Fernand Leger and Cubism. Running £230,000 over its estimate, it was bought by a European private collector.

But gloom emanated from the Impressionist department at Sotheby's, London, yesterday, when 43 per cent of the second part of their Impressionist and Modern Paintings and sculpture failed to sell. Top price of £96,800 was for a painting of the Port at Anvers by the lesser-known artist Emile-Othon Friesz. It was bought by an English private buyer.

At the afternoon sale of *Impressionist drawings* and watercolours, there was a high failure rate, of 46 per cent, but a number of good prices, and even one record. This was for a charcoal drawing by the French Pointilist Georges Seurat, of a man reading a newspaper. Estimated at up to £250,000, it sold for £375,000. It was bought by the Swiss collector Heinz Berggruen.

At Phillips, there was initial disappointment when the contents of Dwelly's Pharmacy, of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire failed to sell. But soon the telephones were ringing, and the goods went for £20,900 to an anonymous private British buyer.

Bonhams had mixed success with its sale of the Ernst Dryden (1887-1938) archive. From among more than 3,000 pieces of art work rescued from a dustbin in 1976 the best price was £5,720 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for his artwork for a Cinzano advert, featuring a striped *centaur*.

Further good results came from Christie's sale of early printed books and manuscripts, also in London, with 83 per cent sold, and many prices high above their estimates. One such was the top price of £46,200 for a fifteenth century Book of Hours, from France or Flanders. It was bought by a German dealer, for nearly £20,000 over its estimate.

An edition of Ptolomy's Cosmography, comprising 32 woodcut maps of the world and cosmos by Johannes Reger, was bought for double its estimate at £41,800 by Burgess, a London dealer.

In general, it was European buyers sustaining the market. Apart from notable exceptions, the Americans were elusive.

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Hurd spells out tighter controls on firearms

The Government's fundamental concern, to give adequate protection to the community at large, was emphasized by Mr **Douglas Hurd**, the Home Secretary, when he outlined to MPs new proposals to control firearms.

He said that they had sought to accommodate the needs and interests of the legitimate shooting community, providing that this did not compromise that concern.

"The proposals offer a tighter system of control with more accountability for those who buy, possess or deal in firearms or shotguns. They will help the police to maintain effective control over the possession and movement of firearms."

In his statement on the White Paper *Firearms Act 1968: Proposals for Reform*, Mr Hurd said that both before and since the debate on firearms control in October, there had been a number of other fatal incidents involving the use of guns. That reinforced him in the belief that it was time to strengthen the controls.

A substantial shift was needed in the balance that had to be struck between safeguarding the public at large and protecting the interests of legitimate gun users. The main responsibility of Government must be to secure as far as possible the safety of the public from the irresponsible or criminal use of firearms.

There were some types of especially dangerous weapon that they could not allow the private individual to possess and he had taken steps to prohibit them.

"But beyond this, it would be wrong to deprive people — the farmer, the sportsman, target shooter — of their weapons. Rather we must ensure that they

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are subject to a degree of control and scrutiny which offers a real safeguard against abuse.

"The Government intends to bring within the prohibited category full-bore self-loading rifles, burst-fire weapons and short-barrelled self-loading or pump-action shotguns.

"We shall prohibit the movement of a firearm or shotgun into a less strictly controlled category by means of conversion.

"Pump-action and self-loading shotguns, which have a greater fire capability than traditional shotguns, are to be brought under the same controls as now exist for rifles and pistols.

"The Criminal Justice Bill increases the maximum penalty for carrying firearms in the furtherance of crime to life imprisonment and raises the maximum for being in possession of a shotgun without a certificate, in line with parallel firearms offences.

"We shall be arranging a firearms amnesty to provide for illegally held or unwanted firearms to be taken out of circulation.

"There is to be a statutory safekeeping requirement for shotguns. We shall close the gap in controls whereby visitors to Great Britain may purchase and use shotguns without a certificate.

"We have given considerable thought to the question of further controls over traditional shotguns, that is, those that will remain under Section 2 controls.

"I have decided that they should remain in a separate category from rifles and pistols, but that the safekeeping requirement on its own is not enough.

"At present a chief officer of police must grant a shotgun certificate unless he has reason to believe the applicant is prohibited by the Act from possessing a shotgun, or that to allow him to do so would endanger the public safety or peace.

"I propose to change the onus so that in future the chief officer will have to satisfy himself as far as possible that an applicant is not disqualified by these factors and that will include the discretion to undertake inspection of security arrangements.

"In addition chief officers will be able to refuse to issue or renew a certificate where they are satisfied that an applicant does not have a good reason for possessing or acquiring a shotgun.

"We need to take this precaution against the danger of a steady build-up of shotgun holding without any sporting or professional justification, but we intend that these justifications should be widely and reasonably drawn.

"In most cases the reason for holding a shotgun will be readily apparent and inquiries will not be necessary as a matter of routine. But where it is not, the scope will exist, in a way that it does not now, for the police to make further inquiries.

"The onus will be on the chief officer and there will be a right of appeal to the Crown court against refusal of a certificate.

"I also propose that all shotguns should be listed on the certificate by a serial number or description on the holder's certificate.

"Finally, anyone seeking to purchase shotgun ammunition will in future need to produce a valid certificate in order to do so and the more lethal types of shotgun cartridge will be subject to stricter control."

Miscellaneous proposals would include the power to require a firearms or shotgun certificate to bear a photograph, the categorization of stun guns as prohibited weapons and the regularization of the position of museums holding collections of firearms.

The Bill would be introduced within the next few weeks.



Cornish entertainment: Four Cornish MPs, Mr Gerrard Neale (front left), Mr David Harris, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Robert Hicks, listening to the Mevagissey Male Voice Choir during its visit to Westminster yesterday.

Query over mail order

Labour supports gun proposals

Labour support for the Government's proposals on firearms control was offered by Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, after Mr Hurd's statement.

He said that the Home Secretary had adopted all the main proposals that he had advanced in a debate in October, except for the one about control of mail order sales.

He congratulated Mr Hurd on his good sense and conversion to the idea that a person wanting to possess a shotgun should demonstrate good reason for doing so.

He should stand up to the mail order lobby as he had to the gun lobby and he would have Labour support in doing so.

Mr Hurd said that Mr Hattersley had urged the Government to rush into legislation and had accused him of protracted negotiations with the gun lobby. The Government had tried to get the detail of legislation as right as possible. It hoped to bring in a Bill before Christmas.

In providing that "good reason" had to be shown for possession of shotguns, it did not mean that he was putting them on the same basis as Section 1 firearms [Section 1 of the Firearms Act, 1968, restricts possession of pistols and rifles].

He would set out in the Bill what "good reason" should be in respect of shotguns.

"I do not believe that Mr Hattersley has made his case about mail order. Where sale remains legitimate, I cannot see a reason why a particular technique of sale, like mail order, should be excluded while others are not."

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) asked what would happen to those firearms which would become prohibited when the legislation was enacted.

Mr Hurd said that there would be a period during which people could legitimately dispose of these weapons through the international market or hand them in under the proposed amnesty.

Mr Alexander Carlile, Liberal spokesman on home affairs, gave a broad welcome to the proposals, but asked if the Home Secretary had borne fully in mind the widespread use of normal pump-action shotguns used for sporting purposes in rural areas.

Mr Hurd said that he was well aware that pump-action shotguns of the normal length were used, for example, in clay-pigeon shooting and there was no question of prohibiting them.

They would be put in the Section 1 category with rifles and pistols. He thought that the example of clay-pigeon shooting as a reason would be acceptable if other conditions were met.

The police were already willing to give guidance on safe keeping, but a more precise definition of safe keeping must be worked out with representatives of the shooting community.

Sir Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C), parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said that the police would have preferred Mr Hurd to do more, but the shooters in East Anglia would have prefered him to do less, so he welcomed the balance that had been struck.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C), whose constituency includes Hungerford, wanted to know why the proposals did not limit the number of firearms that could be held by any one person.

Mr Hurd said that the Government had not followed such suggestions because the shooting community had convincingly advised that in many shooting sports it was normal and reputable to have a wide range of weapons.

Debate on post strike refused

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency Commons debate on the possibility of a postal strike, after the breakdown of talks between the Post Office and the Union of Communication Workers.

He said that it was a serious matter that Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had intervened in the dispute and had instructed the Post Office that it must not concede any more than a one-hour reduction in the postal workers' 42-hour week.

The postal strike 16 years ago caused serious consequences for industry, commerce and people generally.

Private companies had been allowed to deliver the mail — supposedly. They had charged 10 times the cost of a postage stamp and when the nine-week strike was over they handed to the Post Office hundreds of thousands of items that had been charged at that rate but not delivered. Postmen had had to deliver such mail.

River quality 'worsening'

The quality of British rivers had deteriorated over the past few years, **Mr Allan Roberts**, a Labour spokesman on the environment, said during questions.

He was responding to **Mr Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of State for the Environment, who said that he had decided, after taking legal advice, that the term "maximum admissible concentration" of nitrates in the EEC drinking water directive should relate to individual samples and not to averages. This was a technical point about the appearance of water and did not have health implications.

Mr Roberts said that he did not accept that. River quality had deteriorated because of pollution by nitrites and nitrates from agriculture and that was linked to stomach cancer.

Mr Ridley said that nitrate levels in most rivers had remained fairly constant over the past 10 years. He would make a decision soon on whether to establish nitrate protection zones.

Welcome for royal speech

The speech by the Prince of Wales referring to the tyranny of developers was welcomed by **Mr Robert Adley** (Christchurch, C) during Commons questions. He said that the remarks made by Prince Charles would be well understood by his constituents.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing and Planning, said that he was happy to agree with the very interesting and positive speech to which Mr Adley had referred.

Ulster cash

The draft Appropriation (No 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, allocating an additonal £18.1 million to Harland and Wolff and £1.5 million to the enterprise development unit of the Northern Ireland Small Business Agency, was approved in a debate late on Tuesday night in the Commons.

Heath fury over education Bill

MPs whose speeches in the Commons second reading debate on the Education Reform Bill were reported only in later editions of this newspaper yesterday included the following:

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) was cheered by Labour MPs when he criticized the Bill, which was read a second time by 348 votes to 241 — Government majority, 107.

He said that he was "sick to death of education being knocked for political purposes". He described the issue of parental choice as a confidence trick.

Mr Heath said that this was a massive Bill of immense importance to the future not only of children today but to the future of the country.

Disraeli, whose philosophy was of one nation, was supported by Balfour and Butler. They were motivated by the doctrine of one nation. He had been very much hoping that Mr [Kenneth] Baker [Secretary of State for Education and Science]

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was going to continue with that philosophy.

He said that insufficient time had been provided for second reading. Whatever the mandate at the election, it did not justify any government failing to provide the proper opportunity for Parliament and the House of Commons to discuss the Bill.

He would be unhappy to see better children leaving one school for another and leaving the others behind. That would happen under this Bill.

"I am sick to death of education in this country being knocked, largely for political purposes, and of teachers being constantly hammered (Labour cheers).

"The great majority are good and devoted people. They are completely demoralized because of this treatment."

Headmasters' views were often not even solicited. Now, they were to be burdened with the financial control of their schools (loud Conservative protests).

"Anybody would think they were begging for the opportunity to run the finances of their schools. They are not.

"The great majority of education authorities run their financial arrangements very satisfactorily. If the rich boroughs opt out of Ilea, the poor boroughs will suffer. Why should they?"

There had long been an argument for a national curriculum, but it had to be flexible. However, Mr Baker still had power to dictate down to individual textbooks.

"The Secretary of State for Education has taken more powers under this Bill than any other member of the Cabinet."

Mr Norman Tebbit (Chingford, C) said that he welcomed the Bill and supported it in virtually every respect. It was almost inevitable that another Bill would be required later to take forward the reforms in this Bill.

They should not worry too much about Mr Heath's comments on one nation. They came from a man who was Prime Minister when the country was plunged into the three-day week and the party and the country were almost irrevocably split.

He welcomed the proposals for colleges of further education. A mixture of grants, attached very firmly to the student, and perhaps vouchers, would do more than anything else to help those colleges to supply skilled and motivated people to join the workforce.

The national curriculum was an excellent concept. But he hoped that it would not be wrecked by the paternalists and bureaucrats in the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Baker had to avoid the national curriculum becoming set in concrete and he also had to avoid its becoming a totally ineffective fudge.

Young warns peers not to be alarmist on the economy

HOUSE OF LORDS

It was alarmist to take the view that Britain was moving into recession, **Lord Young of Graffham**, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during a debate in the Lords on the state of the world economy and its effect on the United Kingdom.

The world economy had lost a little momentum. But that had not been the case in the British economy. For five years the main stock markets had been booming. There was an element of over-shooting in that and a correction was bound to come sooner or later.

Share prices were not an infallible indicator. It was not the 1929 Wall Street crash that caused a recession, but the policy response to it.

He said that a side effect of the imbalance between the United States and other economies would be a slight growth in imports into Britain this year. However, all the evidence in British industry's order books in output expectations could not but leave one optimistic about the prospects for the next year or so.

Opening the debate, **Lord Thorneycroft** (C), a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that a new era was starting.

For many years a booming American economy had pulled the other economies of the world behind it. It was financed by borrowing and based on huge deficits.

Britain should not be too censorious of the Americans because nobody had enjoyed the bonanza more than the British, who had sold them everything in sight.

There was a certain inevitability about what lay ahead. If the Americans spent less and taxed more it would be uncomfortable for Britain. If they did not and the dollar fell further, then Britain would still suffer.

For the Opposition, **Lord Bruce of Donington** said that the policy of free market forces was old hat. It had never worked because the economy was dependent on capital that was mobile, while labour was not.

About 50,000 people in the world with very large capital resources were more powerful than governments. It was time to restore to government the power it had abdicated.

In his maiden speech, **Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne** (Ind), a former Governor of the Bank of England, said that the root of the present imbalance in the world economies was the divergence in the policies pursued by United States and other industrial countries.



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Tory gets support for secrets Bill

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Repetitions of the *Spycatcher* affair and the spectacle of the Government pursuing publishers across the world would almost certainly be prevented by the attempt by Mr Richard Shepherd, the Conservative MP, to reform the law on official secrets.

Mr Shepherd's Protection of Official Information Bill, which has won all-party support but is being opposed by the Government, is to be published next Tuesday.

It will provide a defence against prosecution if the information or article in question has already become publicly available "whether in the UK or elsewhere".

Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, who this week bitterly opposed the Government's education legislation, has made clear his support for the Bill.

He told Mr Shepherd in a letter that is was "very carefully thought out". He added: "I hope you will press on with this. You have my support."

His sponsors include Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader, Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, Mr Michael Foot, the former Labour leader, Mr Merlyn Rees, former Labour Home Secretary, Mr Archie Kirkwood, the Liberal MP, as well as several senior Conservatives.

The second reading will be in January.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Debate on Public Accounts Committee reports for 1985-86 and 1986-87.
Lords (3): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, second day.

Public opinion consultation

Labour sets up camp in enemy Sussex

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party is to move deep into the heart of enemy territory to launch its national programme of consulting public opinion, part of its review of policy in the wake of its third successive election defeat.

It has symbolically chosen Brighton in the South, where Labour has signally failed to make any impression in recent elections, to stage next month the first of the nationwide series of "Labour listens" events.

Senior Labour politicians will hear the views of people from a wide range of representative and community groups about Labour policies and philosophy.

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader, shadow Home Secretary and joint head of the policy review group considering democracy for the individual, Mr Bryan Gould, shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and joint head of the economy policy group, and Miss Joan Lestor, a member of the key policy group considering defence, are expected to form the panel facing an invited audience of up to 300 people at the Brighton conference centre.

They will give an introduction consisting of Labour's basic approach in main policy areas, an assessment of the effects of Tory policies in key areas, and likely changes in society by the 1990s and then invite contributions from the floor in what party chiefs are hoping will be a well publicized exercise.

A special unit at Labour's headquarters in London, drawn from different staff departments, is busily planning similar events for the early months of next year at big cities across the country.

At the same time, there will be specially targeted events, where Labour leaders will meet and hear the opinions of specific groups, such as teachers, white-collar workers, low-paid women, pensioners, the disabled and young people.

Although the centrally organized and regionally and locally operated events may gain the most attention from the media, Labour leaders regard it equally important that constituency Labour parties and trade union branches up and down the country should play their part by generating their own listening and community-based approach to opinion seeking.

They will be given guidance on how to stage meetings, approach interest groups, engage in doorstep canvassing and compile reports.

The activity will inform the seven policy groups covering the economy, people at work, economic equality, consumers and the community, democracy for the individual, Britain in the world, including defence, and the physical and social environment.

But it is also regarded as central to the party's campaigning activities for at least the next nine months and will go on beyond the April deadline for the first reports back to the leadership.

Gould call for defence 'loyalty'

By John Winder

The Labour Party should not now abandon its non-nuclear defence policy, at the very time Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov were bringing the world so rapidly in the direction of Labour policy, Mr Bryan Gould, MP, Labour's chief trade and industry spokesman, and architect of their general election campaign, told a Parliamentary Press Gallery lunch.

In four years' time, Labour would be seen as being in tune with the world situation, while Mrs Thatcher and Dr David Owen — if people still remembered him — would be seen as militarists, frustrating the process towards peace.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Does it really matter? That is the question that is bound to be put whatever the conclusion of the merger negotiations between the Liberals and the SDP.

The answer is not self evident. The nation's future does not obviously hang on the betrothal plans of two parties which between them can muster the support of no more than 11 per cent in the latest MORI poll in this week's *Sunday Times*.

But one must look beyond immediate embarrassments. The final stage of negotiations — when the issue remains in the balance, tempers are fractious and disagreements are highlighted, sometimes for tactical reasons — was never likely to be the time when a new merged party presented a particularly impressive prospect.

Will it ever? There are really two questions here: is there a place in British politics for such a centre party? And, if there is, does it look as if the new party will be equipped to fill it?

It has been evident for some years that a major role is available for a moderate, pragmatic party that is a little left of centre, reasonably united and sufficiently strong to look credible. Such a party might mount a powerful challenge to the Conservatives, whether or not it could defeat them, and only such a party could do so.

But it is some time since such a party existed. In recent years Labour has been too doctrinaire, too far to the left and too disunited. The Alliance never looked strong enough to be taken seriously, even when it managed to give a sufficient impression of unity. Yet on a number of occasions it seemed to be on the verge of a breakthrough.

After this year's general election, when the Alliance was kept firmly in third place in terms of votes as well as seats, Labour clearly has first refusal for the role of the serious opposition. If the party manages to reform itself then I do not see that a Liberal-SDP merger could have a much grander part to play than the Liberals did by themselves a decade ago.

But if Labour proves incapable of reforming itself then the new party would have an opportunity, despite the present discouragement of the polls. Would it, however, be in any condition to seize its chance?

When the Alliance was formed six years ago it looked potentially so much stronger than the Liberals had done by themselves because the Social Democrats brought governmental experience to the partnership. Whereas the Liberals had nobody who had ever served in any office in any government, the SDP had four recent Cabinet ministers.

Where are they now? Mr William Rodgers is going off to save the architects rather than the nation. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead moves between Oxford and the House of Lords. Mrs Shirley Williams can be expected, after her marriage later this month to the distinguished American political scientist, Professor Richard Neustadt, to move even more from one side of the Atlantic to the other.

Between them they do not seem likely to offer much more than good will in the years ahead. Dr David Owen will not offer much of that. Despite the talk of some understanding with the new party, a period of guerrilla warfare looks more probable.

There remain in the House of Commons Mr Robert Maclennan, who has not done a bad job since becoming leader, and Mr Charles Kennedy, a politician of promise. But they are not a fair exchange for the original Gang of Four.

To make matters worse, there has been a severe fall in Mr David Steel's public support. At the beginning of this year MORI recorded 45 per cent satisfied with his performance as leader and only 27 per cent dissatisfied. His approval rating had often been even higher. Now there has almost a complete reversal, with only 29 per cent satisfied and 45 per cent dissatisfied.

This can be attributed mostly, if not entirely, to all the controversy over merger. Dr Owen suffered a similar decline in approval. If everything can be sorted out there should be some recovery in Mr Steel's standing.

But in terms of governmental experience the new party would be no better off than the Liberals were before anyone had heard of the SDP. This indicates how damaging is the split with Dr Owen. I still believe that it was right to seek a merger, but the failure to bring Dr Owen along was a grievous, and may prove a fatal, blow.

If the new party is ever to be a serious force it must settle its own internal affairs as quickly as possible. It can have a future only if it can convince the country that it has a sense of purpose that goes beyond the pursuit of power.

Unprecedented attack on Primate

Insider's portrait of a Church without a soul

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, came under unprecedented attack yesterday for presiding over a declining church for following rather than leading, and for favouring his supporters and friends for high office. The anonymous author of the Preface to Crockford's directory sets his attack in the historical context of what he sees as a growing crisis for the very existence of the Church of England.



In the Church of England things are not always what they seem to be. Indeed the public perception of its character rarely corresponds to the reality of its working.

To the religious affairs correspondents of national newspapers the Church is essentially a part of the English establishment and is usually dealt with in terms of its relationship with the monarchy, the Prime Minister or Parliament.

Such a view is supported by images which the media project: royal weddings, archbishops in purple at state banquets, and bishops orating in the House of Lords.

There is shock, almost amounting to a sense of treasonable activity, if the Church is seen criticizing Government policy, abandoning the old Prayer Book or making ancient parish churches redundant.

Yet, contrasting with this view, is that of many ordinary churchgoers, involved perhaps marginally in the business of "Synodical Government". To them the Church appears as committed to an experiment in popular democracy. Elections are held and energetically contested, votes are taken in deanery and diocesan synods and reports come down of critical debates in the General Synod.

What in the past has kept the Church of England together?

It is easy to conclude that, for the first time, policy is being made at the grassroots. However, a little knowledge of the way the Church of England actually works makes it clear that both these perceptions are false.

Ancient and complex institutions have a way of disguising who it is that exercises influence within them and sometimes even those who are closely involved in their business cannot see the wood for the trees. These are critical times for Anglicanism, and more than ever there is need of an informed and critical account of the state of the Anglican Communion in general and the Church of England in particular.

Next summer the Lambeth Conference, the ten-yearly gathering of the bishops of the Anglican Communion, will meet at Canterbury. It will doubtless issue predictable and wholly unmemorable statements.

Anglicans have never been happy with questions which require them to set out a coherent doctrine of the Church. At their Reformation in the sixteenth century they were distinguished not so much by a doctrinal confession or an ecclesiology as by a strong adherence to the notion of national independence.

A true ecclesiology was somewhat slow in developing. When it did emerge, it had a distinctive character: by finding its authority in scripture as this was interpreted in the life and practice of the undivided Church of the first four centuries of the Christian era.

Such a conservative ecclesiology, with its great stress on the institution of episcopacy and the independence of the local church, came to be recognized by other Christian denominations as a distinctive Anglican position. Yet it may be honestly questioned whether such an ecclesiology is understood or even accepted by most Anglicans today.

Perhaps it never was. So what in the past has kept the Church of England together, with its clergy and members even establishing a reputation for the way in which different traditions of churchmanship can coexist?

There seem to have been four factors at work. Pre-eminent has been the state-establishment. Whether there is any justification for the state to exercise control over the Church, it has at least allowed men and women of differing ecclesiologies to live within an authoritative system.

Secondly, there has been the uniting effect of the Book of Common Prayer, a liturgy of considerable literary power. Although it was possible to have different theological interpretations of the texts there was a common liturgical language which became part of the cultural heritage of all Anglicans.

Thirdly, there was a common ministry and ordination in the practice of which all joined. Its claim that it represented primitive usage could be accepted by all the traditions. But, perhaps most important of all the factors, was the conservative theological tradition of the English universities with their strong links with the Church of England.

It is not sufficiently realized how far the Anglican Communion is heir not to any particular doctrine or ecclesiology but to past practicalities of life in the Church of England. Indeed, in its origins, it was simply the Church of England as it followed the movement of English people overseas.

When great empires fade as political powers they leave their images behind in churches which preserve their cultural ethos and mark the extent of their expansion. Thus the story of Anglicanism is closely paralleled by that of the British Empire.

At first there were chaplaincies on the American continent and in the West Indies but soon a vast growth as the Church followed the flag. All were under the direct authority of the mother-church. It was only with the formation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States in 1784 that Anglicanism took a new departure. It allowed the creation of a new national Anglican church which took to itself supreme authority to order its own doctrine, ministry and liturgy.

At first the implications for Anglican ecclesiology were scarcely recognized. Gradually other churches in other former colonies followed the American way of independence and by the 1930s an Anglican Communion had come into existence as a family of independent churches. But what, apart from their English descent, held together these autonomous bodies?

It is this question of authority within the Anglican Communion which has exercised the mind of virtually every Lambeth Conference since the first one in 1867, and repeated attempts to define an answer are a measure of the uncertainty which existed and still exists.

No change in Anglicanism during the past 30 years has been more remarkable than the virtual disuse of the prayer books based

The episcopal ministry has become the focus for Anglican disunity

on the English Book of Common Prayer. Within a generation the Book of Common Prayer has been virtually eliminated by services which are in theory only permissible alternatives to it.

It may well be that there were good and valid reasons for all the churches to produce modern liturgies, and many of them are by no means as bad as their detractors would suggest. But any attempt to define Anglicanism by reference to its tradition of worship is now on very insecure ground. Certainly it does not take a very close examination to detect that the liturgies have distinct doctrinal differences from each other. This would indicate that they are not so much a factor for unity as a sign of increasing diversity.

There has been a basis for confidence in the existence of an episcopal ministry which claimed to be identical with that of the ancient and undivided Church. Yet the past 25 years have seen repeated attempts to modify the Communion's traditional practice.

For this plausible reasons are given. To insist strictly on episcopal ordination will inhibit schemes for union with non-episcopal churches and seem like raising matters of church order above agreement in matters of faith and mission. To confine the episcopate to males only, as has been the invariable practice in all the episcopal churches, is to have discrimination at the heart of a ministry which should be one of reconciliation and should represent the unity of all humankind in Christ. And so the episcopal ministry, which we are repeatedly told is the focus of ecclesial unity, has become a focus for Anglican disunity.

However, perhaps the most significant change is the decline of a distinctive Anglican theological method. The last real exponent of classical Anglican divinity was Archbishop Michael Ramsey whose many scholarly studies represent a last stand before the citadel fell to the repeated assaults of a younger generation of academics.

The essential characteristic of the new theologians lies in their unease in combining the role of theologian and churchman. No-one will dispute that this is a legitimate aim for an academic who wishes his speciality to take its place alongside others in a modern secular university but it is important to recognize the gap which this has opened up between the method of modern academic theology and that of the classical Anglican search for an authority on the sources of faith.

Increasingly, theologians are expressing doubt as to how far either Scripture or the teaching of the patristic writers can be used to prescribe modern doctrine or church practice. It would seem that modern man must live amid the ruins of past doctrinal and ecclesiastical systems, looking to the Scriptures only for themes and apprehensions which may inform his individual exploration of the mystery of God.

Anglican theological colleges have now trained a whole generation of priests with a minimal knowledge of classical Anglican divinity or its methods. Clergy without a sense of there being some authority in the historic experience of the Church way well come to think that theology is the latest fashionable theory of theologians.

The problems of modern Anglicanism are highlighted by the case of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Among the American churches it is a very small denomination but it has a prestige beyond its size because of the social standing of its membership. Its members were generous in their financial contributions.

Certainly there were weaknesses. Many of its bishops seemed to have been chosen as administrators and pastoral activists and few of them had any particular qualification as theologians. Indeed the church often gave the impression of being spiritually shallow with much of its preaching devoted to the propagation of "American" values. It was thus a body which proved highly vulnerable to the rapid liberalistion of middle-class opinion in the 1960s.

This liberal ascendancy among the bishops and influential clergy has undoubtedly caused severe tension in the Episcopal community. It has produced styles of leadership and a content of preaching which are deeply unwelcome to the traditional laity, and there has been withdrawal of financial contributions. It has led to the marriage discipline of the church being relaxed to the point where the American pattern of divorce and remarriage is the norm for both clergy and laity.

It now remains to be seen how the Lambeth Conference of 1988 will deal with an issue which threatens to have such critical implications for the future of Anglicanism. Not only would women-bishops make the episcopate itself a cause of disunity but those whom they ordained, men as well as women, would be unacceptable to many.

One may well feel great sympathy for the man whose office gives him responsibility for guiding the affairs both of the Anglican Communion and the Church of England. Robert Runcie has been Archbishop of Canterbury since 1980 and has already established himself as a notable holder of the primacy. He has intelligence, personal warmth and a formidable capacity for hard work.

He listens well and has built up a range of personal contacts among clergy and laity far wider than that of any of his predecessors. His speeches and adresses are thoughtful, witty and persuasive. In the General Synod he has an ability to influence the course of debate which can be decisive for the success or failure of a motion.

In spite of the lack of an adequate staff at Lambeth he has survived the work-load remarkably well with only occasional periods of exhaustion. In what must be the latter part of his primacy he has travelled extensively and has established himself as the friend and confidant of most of the leaders of world-Anglicanism. His influence is now probably at its height. It would therefore be good to be assured that he actually knew what he was doing and had a clear basis for his policies other than taking the line of least resistance on each issue.

He has a major disadvantage in not having been trained as a theologian, and though he makes extensive use of academics as advisers and speechwriters, his own position is often unclear. He has the disadvantage of the intelligent pragmatist: the desire to put off all questions until someone else makes a decision.

One recalls a lapidary phrase of Mr Frank Field that the archbishop is usually to be found nailing his colours to the fence. All this makes Dr Runcie peculiarly vulnerable to pressure-groups. In a rare synodical moment of self-revelation he once described himself as "an unconvinced Anglo-Catholic" though it is the latter part of that description which should not be taken too seriously.

His effective background is the elitist liberalism of Westcott House in the immediate post-war yers and this he shares with Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York. In particular it gives him a distaste for those who are so unstylish as to inhabit the clerical ghettoes of Evangelicalism and Anglo-Catholicism, and he certainly tends to underestimate their influence in the spiritual life and mission of the Church.

His clear preference is for men of liberal disposition with a moderately Catholic style which is not taken to the point of having firm principles. If in addition they have a good appearance and are articulate over the media he is prepared to overlook a certain theological deficiency. Dr Runcie and his closest associates are men who have nothing to prevent them following what they think is the wish of the majority of the moment.

It was unfortunate for Archbishop Runcie that his going to Canterbury coincided with a period in which many of the tensions within the Church of England began to come to the surface. Soon he

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found himself having to deal with the challenge of the new theology to the traditional doctrinal formulations of the Church, with a scheme for a Covenant with the Free Churches which recreated old controversies about ecclesiology, and with persistent demands that there should be a liberalisation of the stances on divorce, homosexuality and abortion. Basic to all these pressures was a belief in clergy and laity that some new departures were needed to arrest a deline in the influence of the Church which none could fail to recognize.

It may seem to outside observers that the General Synod is at the centre of the government of the Church of England and that the struggles which occur in every group of sessions are to determine the Church's policy. Much of the criticism directed against the Synod is that it has monopolised power which was once better exercised by others.

But what the criticism failed to understand is that for the most part the synod is virtually powerless and consistently ineffective. Its strings are pulled from elsewhere. At least the members of the House of Commons have a Government which in extreme circumstances they can vote out of office and the daily operations of which they can influence. The General Synod, by contrast, finds itself faced with a government of the Church which is almost wholly independent of it.

Most of the debates are for show. They provide the membership of the Houses of Clergy and Laity with opportunities for speeches and they are then forgotten or passed down to the diocesan synods "for study". Very little is actually done. During the seventeen years of the Synod's existence there have been few moments where the future of the Church hung in the balance.

If synodical government is so ineffective, where does influence lie? The reality is that beside the system of synods, with their elections, debates and votes, there exists another system of episcopal executive authority, the characteristics of which are deference, patronage and self-recruitment. It is the influence of the

The influence of the House of Bishops has increased in the past five years

House of Bishops which over the last five years has increased and is now increasing.

In most diocese, behind the facade of Bishop's Council, synod, boards and committees, there exists a wholly unelected group, usually called 'the staff meeting,' which actually runs the diocese. It consists of the diocesan, the suffragans, the archdeacons and other officials, and it unifies executive action. The elaborate system of episcopal references which governs appointments in the Church of England is in fact operated by such groups.

It was once a laudable custom that a bishop would seek to preserve among his senior colleagues a balance between the various churchmanships but this is now increasingly disregarded and bishops appoint suffragans of opinions like their own. A long episcopate will thus leave behind a leadership in a diocese which will have considerable influence in the appointment of his successor.

With episcopal influence on the increase it becomes all the more important that the Church of England should possess an adequate way of appointing its bishops. The summer of 1987 will see the tenth anniversary of the coming into operation of the Crown Appointments Commission, and those interested in the location of power in the Church must give careful attention to a body which has virtually created the present diocesan episcopate.

It is not at all easy for an outsider (or even an ordinary Synod member) to know what goes on in it. Its business is kept elaborately secret and its members are required to take precautions to see that the day and place of their meeting is not known.

Who in fact does manage the system and what kind of an episcopate has it created? For it is clear to the members themselves that behind the secrecy, the mandarin officials, and the elaborate consultations, a complex power-game is being played out with momentous consequences for the future of the Church of England.

The meetings of the Commission take place over two days. On the first, two patronage secretaries produce dossiers of persons, usually as many as fifteen, who are to be considered. The names have been suggested by a variety of sources, the archbishops, other bishops, members of the commission and (more recently) by the dioceses themselves. The secretaries will have visited the vacancy-in-see committee and made their own soundings in the locality from people whom they think influential.

It is never made clear how the list of names has been arrived at nor how far it hs previously been discussed with the archbishops. Much of this first day is spent in 'discarding' names, and for some there is such sparse information that this was their inevitable fate from the beginning.

It is on the second day, when only four or five candidates remain, that the dynamics of the group come into operation. The role of the archbishops is now crucial. Their status, the authority which comes from their wide knowledge of the work of individuals, and their professed concern for issues wider than those of a single diocese give them a decisive influence in directing discussion, though they are careful not to declare their preference at too early a stage.

With the arrival of Dr Runcie and Dr Habgood at Canterbury and York there were, in the two archbishoprics, men who shared the same basic outlook and worked closely together to create a nrw kind of episcopate. The result has been a virtual exclusion of Anglo-Catholics from episcopal office and a serious under-representation of Evangelicals.

The present discrimination is sometimes explained as a policy of appointing 'central' candidates rather than 'party' men but it must be a matter of legitimate doubt whether Liberals are so central to the life and spirituality of the Church of England or whether they are foremost in its mission. One thing cannot be doubted: the personal connection of so many appointed with the Archbishop of Canterbury himself.

A brief biographical study will reveal the remarkable manner in which the careers of so many bishops have crossed the career of Dr Runcie: as students or colleagues at Westcott House and Cuddesdon, as incumbents or suffragans in the dioceses of St Albans or Canterbury, or as persons working in religious broadcasting at a time when he was chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and IBA.

There is indeed no more fertile recruiting ground for the new establishment than Broadcasting House. Although one may accept that an archbishop should have an influence on appointments, it is clearly unacceptable that so many are the proteges of one man and reflect his own ecclesiastical outlook.

There has recently been much speculation in the Press, aided by some inspired leaks from members of the Crown Appointments Commission, about the role of the Prime Minister in the appointment of bishops. The fact is that Mrs Thatcher has always acted in complete conformity with the terms on which the Commission was set up. If anything, her office has been over-ready to co-operate

Appointments of the past 10 years are having their effect on Church policy

with the archbishops and disinclined to challenge the names proposed even in the face of constant complaints that the system was producing an unbalanced episcopate.

The appointments of the last 10 years are now beginning to have their effect in the formation of the Church's policy. Whereas in the early days of the Synod the House of Bishops played a relatively minor role, now, as its character has become more consolidated, it has begun to take initiatives and even put pressure on the Synod to adopt particular courses.

Notable was their attempt to obtain a new marriage discipline with the bishops giving permission for the re-marriage of divorced persons. More recently they procured the withdrawal of the 'McClean' report suggesting ways of dealing with the conscientious objections of those who could not accept the ministrations of women-priests.

Increasingly the Bishops are asserting their rights as the guardians of the doctrinal formularies of the Church, though few of them perhaps could be regarded as eminent theologians. A sign of the times is the increasing isolation of the diminishing number of Anglo-Catholic bishops.

More precarious is the position of the group of Evangelical bishops. Their unease with the theological liberalism of many of their colleagues is manifest but they hesitate publicly to distance themselves from them. It could be wished that some of the really able men among them such as Bishop Michael Baughen of Chester and Bishop John Taylor of St Albans would exhibit a stronger Evangelical presence.

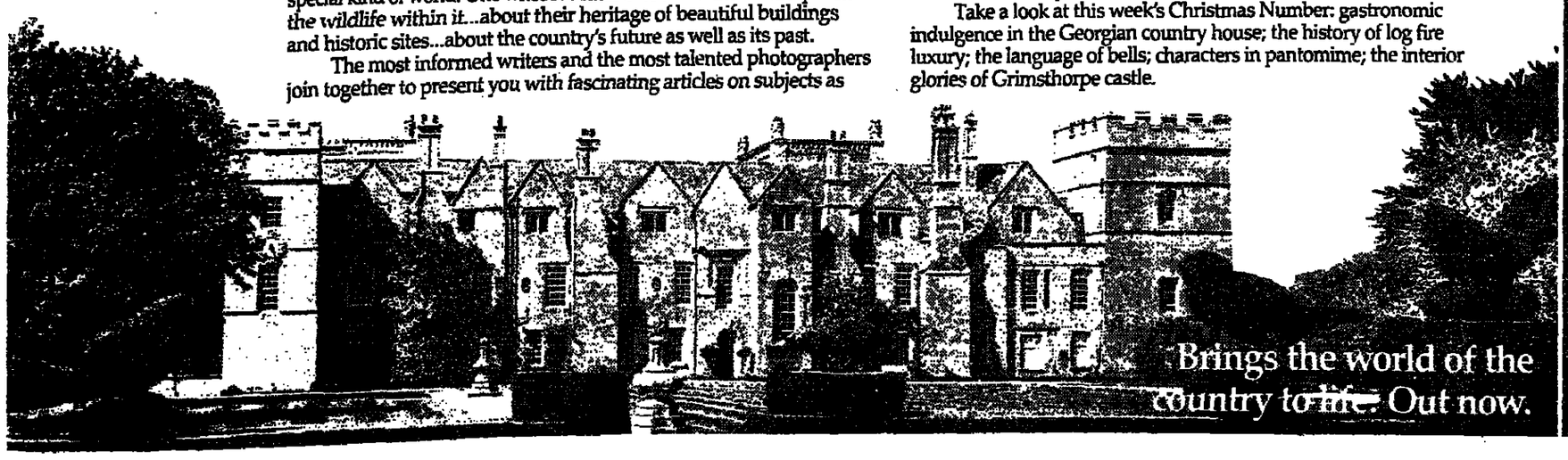
The majority of the present episcopate is not strident in its policies and many are genuinely pastoral men. They have indeed been considerably irritated by the pastoral insensitivity and intemperate partisanship of Bishop David Jenkins of Durham, and many of them have come to see that the appointment of a man of such imprecision of mind and expression under the guise of being a theologian was a minor Anglican disaster.

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Royal scourge of modern architecture casts stones again at the world of developers

Buildings for the people, not 'experts'

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Prince of Wales's attack on developers, planners and architects on Tuesday night, his most outspoken yet, was the sixth main speech on the subject since his reference to the "monstrous carbuncle" (a design for the National Gallery extension) and "giant glass stump" (a plan for Mansion House Square) at Hampton Court Palace in 1984.

He has taken the opportunity of addressing the Institute of Directors' annual convention, in 1985, the Building Communities conference, in 1986, and the presentation of *The Times*/Royal Institute of British Architects Community Enterprise Awards, in 1986 and 1987, to proclaim the populist view that architecture should be "beautiful as well as socially useful".

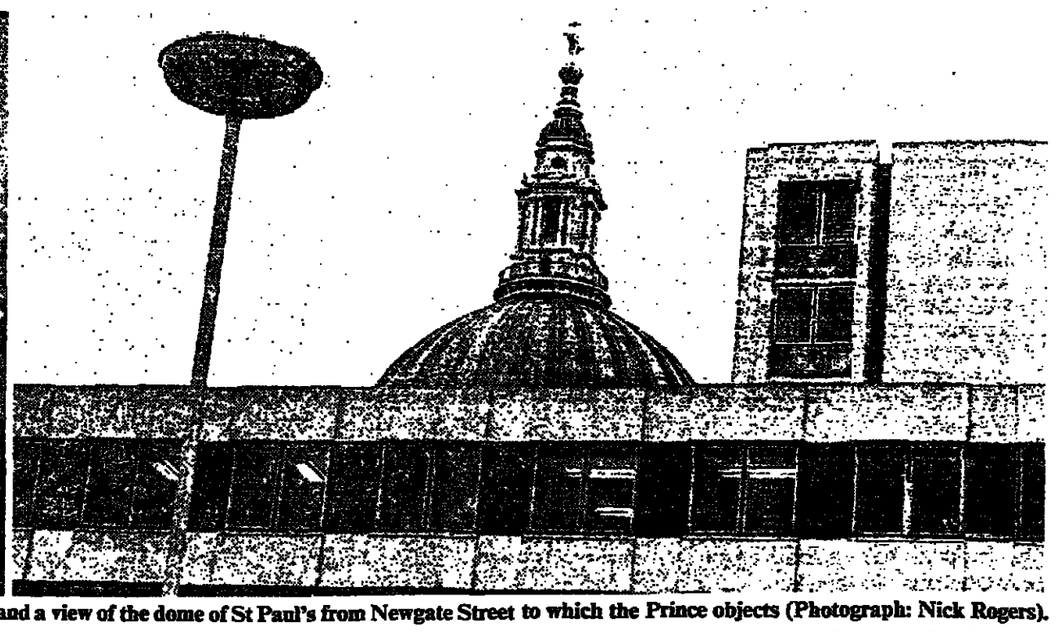
Visiting some examples of modern buildings he has also made gibes at them. Earlier this year he described a high-tech factory in the West Country as looking like a "Victorian prison"; and only last week, in Birmingham, he denounced the £121 million International Convention Centre, under construction there, as "a hardened concrete missile silo". That slight went practically unreported.

Privately he has also been consulted about, and voiced his criticisms of, plans for the extension to the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden; and also the seven designs submitted for the redevelopment of Paternoster Square, next to St Paul's Cathedral.

Later this month he will visit the huge Broadgate office development in the City; it was designed by Arup Associates, appointed master planners of Paternoster Square last August.

The Prince uses the trusty carrot and stick method to get across his basic message: developers and the environmental professions have betrayed the public's confidence. At the same time he espouses the cause of community architecture which involves the users of buildings in commissioning, designing and managing them, especially in rebuilding the inner cities.





The Prince of Wales in Chapeltown, Leeds, yesterday; and a view of the dome of St Paul's from Newgate Street to which the Prince objects (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

A pattern is emerging from all that he has said. He believes passionately that a "renaissance" in architecture will be brought about only when "the experts" climb down from their ivory towers and start listening to the views of the lay public.

As he put it at the Mansion House on Tuesday: "We, poor mortals, are forced to live in the shadow of their achievements. Everywhere I go, it is one of the things people complain about most. Large numbers of us are fed up with being talked down to and dictated to by the existing planning establishment."

What he has yet to state explicitly, however, is his support for a classical revival. In that he has been influenced by theorists such as Mr Leon Krier, and practitioners such as the architects, Mr Quinlan Terry and Mr John Simpson.

The Prince is not averse to stirring things up. As he once put it, he likes to throw pebbles into the pond and see how the ripples reach the shore.

Prince seeks local leadership in cities

By Ian Smith

Advice about inner-city regeneration and restoration should be sought from local inhabitants, the Prince of Wales emphasized during a visit to blighted northern towns yesterday.

Areas now festering with decay were the hope of the future and something which everyone was concerned about.

Speaking at the Ramgarhai Sikh centre in Leeds, the Prince told his audience that it was essential to identify people adept at leadership and gettings things done. Were these people singled out, then it was quite amazing what improvements could be made within inner cities with the support and involvement of local people.

Earlier, the Prince had visited a large Victorian building in the rundown Chapeltown area of the city, where he met two occupants who had moved in 10 minutes earlier.

Peter Gromocki and Kerry McGuire, both art students aged 22, were astonished when the Prince stepped inside their unfurnished ground-floor flat with its bare floorboards.

Mr Gromocki said later: "He was our first visitor and I am sure none of our friends will believe that once we had moved in, the first person to cross our doorstep was the future king.

"He told us it was a shame any building like this once magnificent house should be allowed to decay, and he added that unfortunately if the house was renovated too much it would be too expensive for ordinary people to live in."

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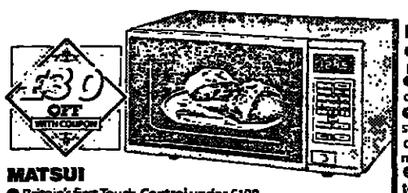
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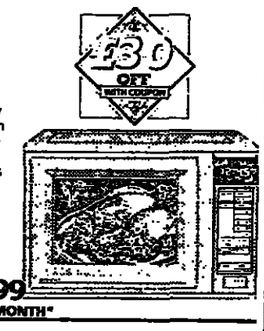
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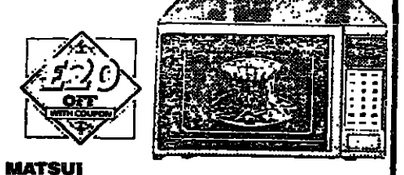
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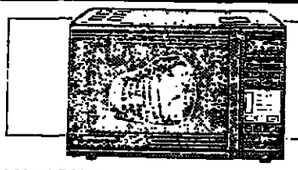
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A mixed response to attack on planners

By David Cross

The fierce attack by the Prince of Wales on modern architecture and city centre planners received a mixed response yesterday.

Mr William Waldegrave, minister for housing and planning, hailed it as "very interesting and positive".

Mr Peter Rees, chief planning officer for the City of London Corporation, agreed that many high rise buildings were "dreadful", but said the skyline around St Paul's had been controlled successfully since 1935.

He also blamed the Government's policy of reducing planning controls to make way for a free-for-all, which he warned "will obscure St Paul's and get a Manhattan skyline".

Mr Rod Hackney, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said the Prince had made his "best speech to date". "He has to be right. He has felt the pulse of the nation, and developers and planners should be more aware of good design and quality architecture."

But others criticized his qualifications for accusing property developers of wreaking more destruction on city skylines than the Luftwaffe.

Mr Fred Shapman, chairman of Birmingham planning committee, one of the cities the Prince singled out for attack, said: "With respect, I am very much at odds with what the Prince said. We are a proud city, we are pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps after a long period of depression and comments like this don't help."

Mr Michael Manser, a former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said that the Prince had "thrashed about" too widely in his criticisms. "It is difficult to determine what his premises were apart from a considerable nostalgia."

A new planning battle over London's skyline broke out yesterday.

Conservationists were angered by Thames Water's plans to erect a £40 million glass and steel floating pier by Westminster Bridge. They said it would destroy the view of the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and the Victoria Embankment.

'Unite to fight crime'

Architects, estate agents, builders and insurance companies were urged yesterday to join forces to make homes more burglar-proof.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said estate agents and surveyors could help to enhance crime prevention by listing in sales literature and survey reports steps taken to secure properties against burglary. They could also say whether a home was in a neighbourhood watch area.

Mr Patten was addressing a conference on architecture and community crime prevention at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London.

Dr Rod Hackney, president of the institute, said architects should ensure that the estates they designed echoed the Victorian concept of focusing a thousand eyes on the street.

They should keep recesses and hiding places to a minimum and provide for an "interim zone" between street access to a property and the individual home. He criticized estates which helped the criminal by providing easy escape routes.

Countryside 'must attract new firms'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The countryside is facing changes greater than anything seen for more than a century, an agricultural conference was told yesterday.

Farming will experience the most important alterations, Mr John Dunning, chairman of the Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency and a former chairman of Rural Voice, said.

The need to discipline the European Economic Community budget and curtail national expenditure would lead to a significant decline in revenue. Mr Dunning told the conference, at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

The first to feel the impact would be those industries and businesses which served agriculture. Second would be farm workers and farmers themselves, and finally the services, both public and private, on which rural communities depend.

Other changes, Mr Dunning said, included the growth of the shire towns; the growth of towns and villages within commuting distance of the old industrial centres; improved communications leading to increased commuting distances; more people moving into the deeper countryside; the telecommunications revolution enabling professional people and other high earners to live where they chose; and a renewed interest in countryside properties and pursuits.

"In the slipstream of this growth, smaller towns and villages are being drawn into the new prosperity, bringing pressure for housing, factories, workshops, and retailers", Mr Dunning told the conference.

Mr Dunning criticized British indifference, or even antipathy, towards small enterprises.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, said some local authorities believed the countryside was not the place for business. They saw business as something that belonged in towns.

"Unless the countryside is a workplace, it will become a museum, and a geriatric museum at that", he said. All the Government's proposals for encouraging farmers to diversify, to plant trees and to farm less intensively were designed to restore them to the central position in the community, which they held in the days before monoculture became the norm.

The tethering of horses should be banned or severely restricted, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said yesterday.

Inspectors found 2,775 horses tethered on wasteland, roadsides and housing estates throughout the United Kingdom. Many were neglected, starved, exposed to harsh conditions and deprived of veterinary treatment.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Iran responds to UN ceasefire call

New York – Mr Mohammad Jawad Larijani, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister, yesterday brought his Government's long-delayed response to the United Nations' latest plan for enforcing a halt to the Gulf War, but diplomats were pessimistic over the chances of Tehran's accepting the ceasefire terms (Charles Bremner writes).

He spoke to the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, on a compromise proposal worked out in September when the Security Council agreed to give Tehran more time to obey its ceasefire order of July 20. Iraq's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Tarik Aziz, is due in New York on Monday to put his country's views. The ambassadors of the five permanent Security Council powers are expected to meet Señor Pérez de Cuéllar to hear his verdict on the talks with both sides next week.

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Journalist expelled

Manila – The Philippines Government yesterday took the unprecedented step of ordering a foreign journalist out of the country (Humphrey Hawkesley writes). Mr Michael Byrnes, aged 39, of the *Australian Financial Review*, was told to leave within 48 hours after being accused of conducting a campaign against foreign investment.

Late last night, the Foreign Minister, Mr Raul Manglapus, said that Mr Byrnes should lodge an appeal. He is believed to be the first journalist ordered out since Mrs Aquino came to power.

Masks are outlawed

Bonn – West German demonstrators who wear masks will be liable to up to one year in jail or a heavy fine under measures against militants agreed in principle by the Bonn Cabinet (John England writes).

Merely possessing a mask at a demonstration will be punishable by a fine of up to £330, and wearing a crash helmet and carrying a shield will also be forbidden on pain of imprisonment or a fine. This follows the deaths of two policemen shot by masked militants during a demonstration at Frankfurt airport on November 2.

Acid attack on paper

Delhi (Reuter) – Five people were arrested yesterday after six journalists from the *Indian Express* newspaper were attacked with acid and iron bars. One *Express* employee was charged with attempted murder after the attack, in which three journalists suffered severe acid burns.

They were entering the *Express* office here as India's largest-sale English-language paper prepared to resume publication of its Delhi edition after a seven-week strike. The paper claims that the strike was instigated by the Gandhi Government, of which it has often been critical.

Killer is extradited

Jerusalem – A two-and-a-half-year legal battle against extradition to France by William Nakash, ended yesterday when the convicted murderer left for Paris (Ian Murray writes). He is to be tried again for the 1983 gangland killing of an Arab in Besançon, for which he was given a life sentence when convicted in his absence.

The final obstacle to his extradition was removed last week when he agreed to grant his wife a divorce.

A friend for Israel

Jerusalem – Greece is set to resume full diplomatic relations with Israel early next year after what a senior official here called "the first visit by a Greek minister in 5,000 years" (Mario Modiano writes).

Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister, returns to Athens today after three days of talks with Israeli leaders. He indicated that Greece would open full relations by the time it takes over the six-month EEC presidency next July.

Mayor shot dead



Lima (Reuter) – A ruling party mayor was killed by Maoist guerrillas just weeks after he was elected amid rebel death threats, police said. Four soldiers have also died in guerrilla violence in Peru this week.

Police said two Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas shot dead Señor Victor Raul Yangali, right, and wounded his wife as they walked together to his office in Huanta, 220 miles from Lima.

US candidates in first trial by TV

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Strong Republican suspicion of the new arms treaty, Democratic feuding over higher taxes and spending cuts and sharp concern in both parties over education, the environment, Aids and the US economy were the main themes of the first televised debate in which all 12 presidential candidates took part on Tuesday.

Mr Alexander Haig, the former Republican Secretary of State, said he did not support fully the treaty President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov will sign at the summit meeting, and called for its linking to Soviet behaviour and human rights improvements and a Soviet commitment to reduce conventional arms. Former Governor Pete du Pont of Delaware baldly called it a "bad treaty", not in the US interest, which could make the defence of freedom more difficult.

But Vice-President George Bush insisted that it was an important breakthrough and praised the verification procedures. "We got a good deal," he said.

For the Democrats, Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee said he was appalled that five of the six Republicans still refused to support the treaty. It had "dramatic potential" for further arms control, which was one important way of limiting Pentagon spending.

The two-hour debate in the Kennedy Centre here was brisk and impressive, with all candidates showing mastery of the medium and having learnt from the gaffes of previous debates.

No clear winner emerged on either side but those lowest in the polls – the Rev Pat Robertson, Congressman Jack Kemp and Mr du Pont among the Republicans, and former Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, Senator Gore and Congressman Richard Gephardt among the Democrats – scored debating points and seemed to narrow the gap with their rivals. The front-runners on both sides – Mr Bush, Senator Robert Dole, Senator Paul Simon and Governor Michael Dukakis – were relatively subdued.

On foreign policy, the Rev Jesse Jackson boasted a day after the Gorbachov television interview that he too had challenged the Soviet leader. Senator Gore, veering to the right to attract southern voters, forced the others to echo his tough stand on the Gulf. And Senator Simon emphasized first-hand knowledge of Central America, the Middle East and other trouble spots where he had "been getting my hands dirty".

The Republicans played down the embarrassment of the Iran-Contra affair, but were belligerent about Central America. Mr Kemp said he would pardon Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North and other central figures if they were indicted, and promised to keep the heat on the Sandinistas. Mr Robertson accused the Democrats of appeasement.

Mr Haig needled Mr Bush for saying he was President Reagan's "co-pilot". On the arms-for-hostages deals he asked: "Where were you when the Administration made the decision? In the cockpit, or on an economy ride in the back of the plane?" And Mr du Pont said that: "George wants to rush into a treaty that is dangerous to the freedom of the world." Mr Bush insisted this treaty had the support of Mrs Thatcher and other allies.

Mrs Thatcher has clearly made her mark on the American political scene. She was repeatedly invoked, along with Churchill, by candidates in both parties to bolster their arguments on issues as varied as Aids, defence and education. Democrats praised Britain's high-profile Aids campaign.

Polling day massacre prompts bid for regional mediation

Caribbean premiers tackle Haiti crisis

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A group of Caribbean prime ministers has created an influential new body to mediate an end to political violence in Haiti after last Sunday's election-day massacre and to help the strife-torn country organize new elections.

At the same time, an international team of election observers from 12 countries said after arriving in Miami from Haiti that the Haitian Army helped gunmen who attacked polling stations in a wave of terror that killed at least 34 people and forced cancellation of the poll.

Mr Bryan Atwood, co-chairman of the 30-member team, called on the Organization of American States to consider sending a peace-keeping force to Haiti. He said delegation members had seen "military vehicles accompanying terrorists or military commanders when the attacks were beginning just sitting on their hands".

Mr George Price, the former Prime Minister of Belize, the other co-chairman of the team, said military intervention should be used only as a last resort. Calls for creation of a peacekeeping force increased on Capitol Hill yesterday, but the Reagan Administration is clearly in no mood to get closely involved.

Mr Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, said in Miami that he and other Caribbean leaders believed democracy should be re-established in Haiti without a multi-national peacekeeping force, such as the one he helped sponsor for the invasion of Grenada.

Mr Seaga, speaking at the annual Conference on the Caribbean, a gathering of more than 1,500 Caribbean and Central American leaders and businessmen, announced the creation of the eight-nation group, called Concerned Caribbean Leaders, to help Haiti's deepening crisis.

The group, comprising Jamaica, The Bahamas, St Lucia, Dominique, St Vincent, The Dutch Antilles, Aruba and Martinique, opposes military intervention at this stage.



Policeman and politician – two faces of Haiti's crisis: a guard at a rally and Mr Leslie Manigat, a presidential candidate.

Mr Seaga said the body had received the consent of senior Haitian government officials and opposition leaders to "serve as a bridge" for negotiating an agreement on new elections.

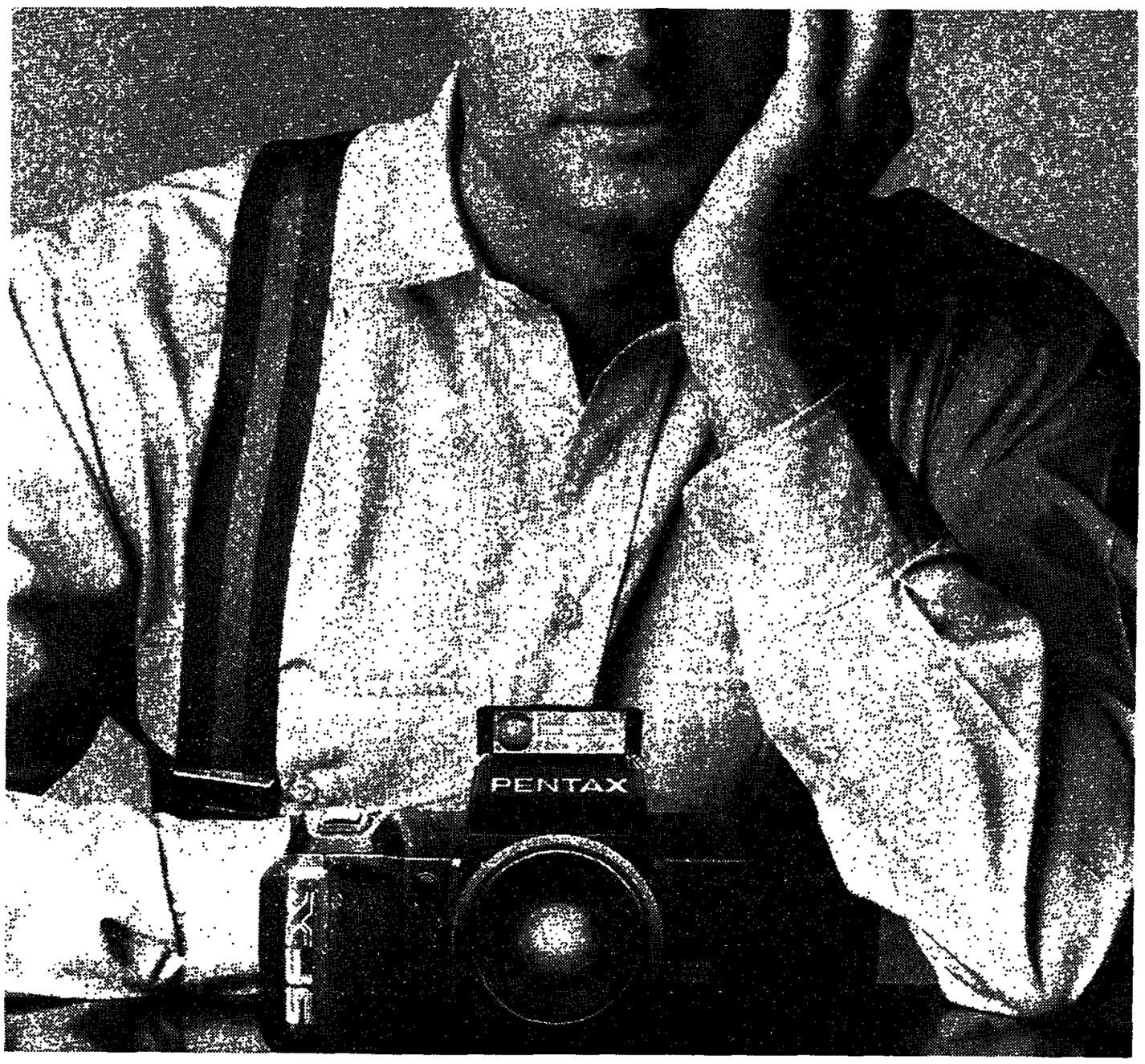
Mr Richard Holwill, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Caribbean Affairs, who headed a team of State Department election observers in Haiti, was evasive when asked in Miami what further action the Administration supports.

Asked if US military intervention was under consideration he said: "It certainly is not the kind of policy appropriate in every circumstance and could very well be inappropriate in Haiti." He added that he saw no evidence that soldiers or police took part in Sunday's attacks.

The State Department, asked to comment on calls for military intervention, said there were "no plans for that". A senior official disclosed that the US was in close contact with several allied governments about the Haitian crisis and that OAS partners were being consulted.

The US suspended military aid to Haiti after the cancellation of last Sunday's elections, but most of this year's allocation has already been paid. Senior officials said other moves were under consideration if the Government of General Henri Namphy failed to move towards new generalelections.

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North Korea implicated in group that plotted crash

From Gavin Bell in Seoul and David Watts in Tokyo

President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea, citing intelligence reports from Japan, has blamed North Korea for the loss on Sunday of a Korean Air jet with 115 people on board.

In a cautiously worded statement to his Cabinet he implied that the loss of the Boeing 707 over Thailand had been engineered with the aim of disrupting the South Korean presidential election campaign and the Olympic Games due to be held in Seoul next September.

Mr Chun referred to reports that a man and woman carrying forged Japanese passports, who had left the plane in Abu Dhabi, had swallowed poison pills after being detained two days later in Bahrain.

"The Japanese authorities believe that the passengers with forged passports were involved, and that communist North Korea was behind it," he said.

South Korean police have asked Interpol to check reports that the two suspects who left the doomed aircraft were affiliated with *Chochongnyon*, a pro-North Korean federation of Koreans living in Japan.

Japanese police believe that the man who comitted suicide in Bahrain may be the man they have linked to a North Korean spy ring.

Both have the name Miyamoto, but the police are awaiting copies of the dead man's fingerprints from Bahrain. He was travelling on a forged passport under the name of Mr Shinichi Hachiya.

The South Korean Government, which has no extradition treaty with Bahrain, has already approached that Government with a view to questioning the surviving woman, who had travelled under the name of Miss Mayumi Miyamoto, aged 27.

But the Japanese Foreign Ministry feels it should have first foreign call on her, since she was travelling on a false Japanese passport.

● **BAHRAIN:** Local authorities stood guard at a Bahrain hospital yesterday waiting to interrogate the woman, who was still on a breathing machine (Reuter reports). She and the older man, who had killed himself, had been posing as father and daughter.

Officials said they would be willing to extradite the woman if there was proof that she had committed a crime. But they said no extradition request had so far been made.

Mr Chong Ki Kim, a South Korean Embassy official, said other officials had questioned the couple at a luxury hotel in Bahrain the night before they attempted to leave. Both had been very relaxed and said they wanted to tour the Middle East before going to Europe. They spoke in fluent Japanese.

Tears for murdered missionaries



Mrs Candy Mallett (second left), mother of one of the 16 white missionaries murdered last week by dissidents in Zimbabwe, singing a hymn during a memorial service in Bulawayo yesterday. More than 1,000 people, black and white, attended the service in City Hall and overflowed into the street. There was sobbing as Tabani Dube, a local Ndebele, spoke of their work.

UN says Ethiopia is on a knife edge

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

Two million people in Ethiopia are living on a knife edge, according to the head of the United Nations operation here, Mr Michael Priestley.

He was briefing Bob Geldof before the pop singer left the capital yesterday for a tour of the two worst famine regions, Tigré and Eritrea, which are cut off from most food supplies because of guerrilla activity by anti-government rebels.

Summer in Ethiopia is traditionally "the hungry time" when most subsistence farmers have eaten their stock of grain from the previous year's harvest. Their families eke out a living by spinning out the last of their stored food until the new harvest comes.

But this year a United States crops assessment mission has reported a 100 per cent failure in Eritrea and a 75 per cent failure in Tigré.

"We are in for a famine in many respects as bad as, and in places worse than, 1984," Mr Priestley said. "The big problem this time is going to be in the north. The transport system for food distribution is not too bad. The problem is a security one."

Abidjan (Reuter) — Late rains, locusts and grasshoppers have reduced food output in the sub-Saharan belt of West Africa, but there is no danger of famine in the region, according to government officials and international organizations.

He showed Mr Geldof pictures of 16 burned-out trucks from a UN food convoy destroyed by incendiary missiles fired by Eritrean rebels on October 23. Reports reaching Addis Ababa from Khartoum, where the rebels have offices, indicated that food convoys were now regarded as legitimate targets. The result is that on many days the four main routes in the region are closed.

Mr Geldof has annoyed Ethiopian officials by calling for a ceasefire between the Government and the rebels, which would imply a *de facto* recognition of the guerrillas.

The Government's relief commissioner, Mr Berhanu Jembere, earlier told him: "The idea of negotiating with bandits and terrorists cannot be entertained."

But it is understood that privately UN officials hope they have secured a tacit agreement to return to the *status quo ante* — a total non-interference by both sides with relief vehicles.

As many of the roads are mined, food is moving only slowly into Tigré, which is more isolated than Eritrea, and where the risk of disease-prone camps is now great. In an expensive last-ditch attempt to prevent this an airlift is under way.

South African security

Pretoria moves to clamp down on 'revolution'

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The South African Government is carrying out a drastic reappraisal of security laws under the 18-month-old state of emergency because it feels that black nationalist opponents have become adept at exploiting loopholes.

Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, has told South African parliamentary correspondents that the serious threat to security is now coming from lawful radical organizations and individuals and that the present legislation is not adequate for the security forces to dampen the "revolutionary climate".

When unrest in the black townships broke out in September 1984 it was easy to contain because it was a physical phenomenon involving mainly the throwing of stones and petrol bombs. "But now the contest has moved into a more complex phase which is much more subtle and therefore more difficult to counter," he said.

"Our opponents have analysed the situation and seen what we could deal with, so now they are trying something more subtle."

The Government had rolled back the revolution to the organizational stage and there were now more than 1,000 organizations trying to incite the masses, said Mr Vlok.

It would appear that the Government is looking at measures to curb the political activities of the black trade union movement and organizations such as the United Democratic Front which is the umbrella for more than 200 anti-apartheid associations.

There can be no doubt that, mainly through mass detentions and a massive exercise of force in townships throughout the country, the physical aspect of black unrest has been brought under control.

But Lieutenant-General Jan van der Merwe, head of the security police, told the parliamentary correspondents that the revolutionary climate was still increasing and fresh attempts were being made to set up alternative structures to launch new boycotts and strikes.

Mr Vlok said that the Government's approach to the situation involved three interdependent elements — strict security action, good government and constitutional negotiations. But radical elements were not interested in this approach, and the Government would not succeed in its strategy unless it curbed them.

The UDF yesterday distributed leaflets calling on supporters to observe a "people's Christmas against the emergency" from December 10 to Christmas Day.

It said that church bells would be rung on December 10, International Human Rights Day, to mark a call for the release of all political prisoners and detainees. There should be a day of fasting on December 12 as a protest against the state of emergency.

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Thatcher assailed over ANC stand

From Michael Hornsby, Arusha, Tanzania

The Labour Party's foreign affairs spokesman, Mr Gerald Kaufman, drew loud applause from about 500 delegates at an international anti-apartheid conference here yesterday with an attack on Mrs Thatcher's policy towards South Africa.

He said he had been appalled when Mrs Thatcher, chairing the Commonwealth heads of government conference in Vancouver, had described the African National Congress as "a typical terrorist organization" and pledged she would have "no truck" with it.

The Prime Minister was out of step, he claimed, not only with the great majority of the British people, but also with her own Foreign Office. He then read out part of what he said was an unspecified Foreign Office briefing paper on the ANC. This stated: "in our view the African National Congress represents an important focus of black opinion in South Africa, and many leading whites, including Afrikaners, do not believe a peaceful solution can be found in South Africa without involvement of the ANC."

This was also the view of the Labour Party and of millions of people in Britain, Mr Kaufman said. He promised that a Labour government would impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions on the Pretoria Government.

Anti-apartheid campaigners and government officials from 40 nations are attending the conference, the first to be called by the ANC.

Other British representatives include two more Labour MPs, Mr Bob Hughes, a leading member of the anti-apartheid lobby, and Mr Bernie Grant, one of four black Labour MPs. No British Government representative is attending, but the First Secretary at the British High Commission in Dar Es-Salaam, Mr Brian Watters, was at a reception hosted by the ANC at a local hotel.

The four-day gathering, which has as its theme "Peoples of the World Against Apartheid for a Democratic South Africa", was opened on Tuesday by Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, who called for the "total isolation" of Pretoria.

Other speakers have repeatedly singled out both Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan for criticism, the tone being set on the opening day by Dr Julius Nyerere of Tanzania.

"We are told by the Reagans and Thatchers of this world that we should abandon the armed struggle — which they call terrorism — and support the (South African) Government in its reforms ... and negotiate with the apartheid Government to get more reforms," he said.



Mr Kaufman: Labour would place sanctions on Pretoria.

"All these so-called reforms amount to is an amelioration in the conditions of the prison house which is apartheid. The inmates of the prison house — that is, the people of South Africa — remain prisoners," he maintained.

For his part, Mr Tambo said that the ANC would not renounce or suspend its "armed struggle" until Pretoria was willing to negotiate about moving towards black majority rule.

A cessation of hostilities was "something that can be negotiated and agreed as part of the overall process of negotiating to create a democratic South Africa."

Two detained as man admits Paris killings

By Philip Jacobson

Two men were being held yesterday suspected of being involved in a spate of murders that have terrorised elderly women in Paris for the last three years.

One man is said by police sources to has confessed to 11 murders and to have implicated another man.

It is not yet known if M Thierry Paulin and M Jean-Thierry Mathurin, both in their early twenties, are suspects in all 38 cases in which elderly women have been killed in the last three years during burglaries.

According to police sources, M Paulin has already admitted 11 murders and allegedly implicated M Mathurin.

The arrests may go some way towards calming the fears of women pensioners who live alone in Paris.

Last year, at the height of the killings in the lower middle class area around the 18th district in the north of the city, elderly women were so alarmed that they would often barricade themselves inside apartments, refusing to emerge even in daylight.

Under mounting criticism, police redoubled efforts in their murder hunt, but had made no apparent progress until M Paulin, a French Guyanan drug addict, was arrested on Tuesday.

According to oficial sources, he had been questioned on burglary and drug charges several months ago.

Fingerprint tests tied him to a number of the killings between 1984 and 1986. Police said information he gave led to the arrest of M Mathurin, who is of French Caribbean origin.

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Cambodia's deadly rivals seek 'true solution' in chateau

Fère-en-Tardenois, France (AP, AFP) – Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former ruler of Cambodia, held six hours of negotiations here yesterday with Mr Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the country's Vietnam-backed Government.

"It is an opening towards a true solution," Mr Hun Sen told journalists after the meeting at a renaissance chateau converted into an hotel near this village in France's Champagne country 60 miles north-east of Paris. "We worked and we have obtained results."

He said that the discussions would continue today and possibly tomorrow, with a joint statement likely when they conclude. They also agreed to a second round of talks in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, at a date not yet set.

Discussions were taking place, he said, in "an atmosphere of friendship among compatriots".

Prince Norodom Ranaridh, Prince Sihanouk's son, who took part in the talks, described them as "very warm but also very frank. I personally found them very positive". Everybody had said what they thought.

Prince Sihanouk and the Cambodian Prime Minister were agreed on several points, he said, but refused to elaborate. His father was willing to go to Hanoi to meet Vietnamese leaders, if they invited him and if a senior Vietnamese official first visited him in France.

The series of meetings, which are intended to further chances of breaking a nine-year political and military deadlock, is the first such dialogue since Vietnam's forces rumbled into Cambodia on Christmas Day, 1978.

Prince Sihanouk decided against the idea of a conference room in favour of a green-baize table in a secluded suite. The Cambodians, who have agreed to talk as compatriots rather than in their official capacities, spent a working lunch savouring some of the regional delicacies, including *coquilles St Jacques* (scallops), lobster with coriander and veal, lamb and beef fillet. Pink champagne and mineral water accompanied the meal.

Mr Hun Sen had looked nervous as he was whisked from a limousine amid tight security into the talks.

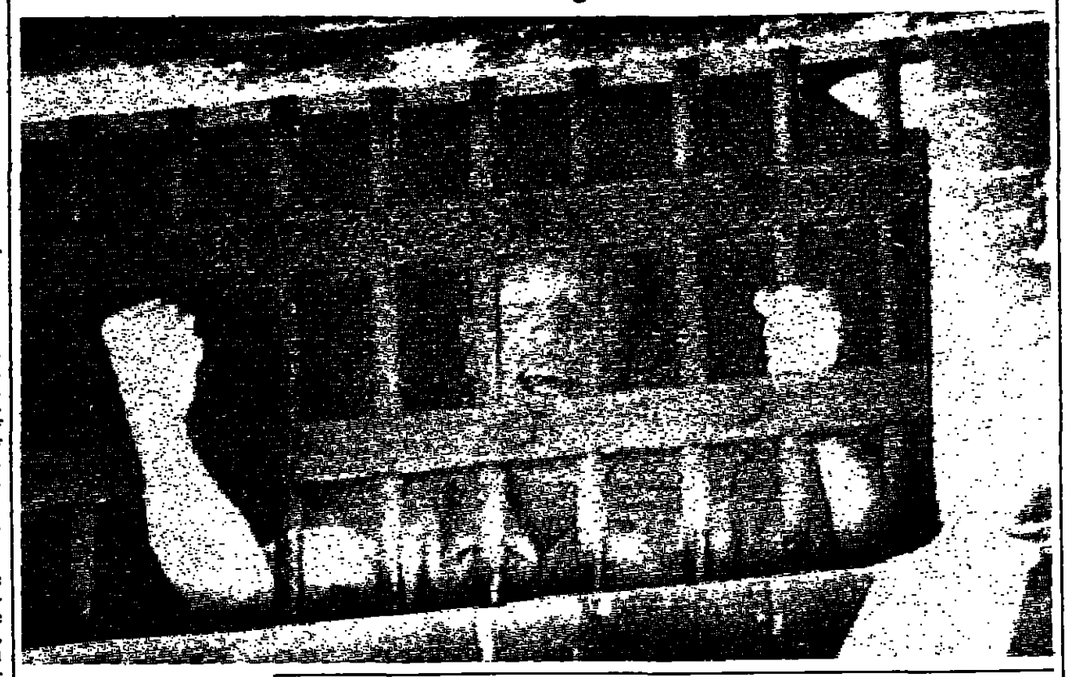
No agenda had been set, according to aides to the prince, who took a year's leave of absence in May as head of the UN-recognized Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

But Prince Ranaridh said that the former Cambodian monarch would offer a third solution, between the perpetual Vietnamization of Cambodia and the return of the Khmer Rouge. Prince Sihanouk has said he will urge the Phnom Penh leader to join his tripartite grouping in a four-party coalition.

Western diplomats believe that the dialogue could blossom into some form of the wider, informal discussions, which the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, has championed, or even a full-scale international conference.

● PEKING: China yestersay hailed Prince Sihanouk as a great patriot with a rich experience in political struggle. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Chinese, who had twice opposed the Cambodian meeting, respected the prince and made no comment on what he intended to do. The spokesman declined to comment directly on the talks.

Brisbane riot over jail 'black hole'



A prisoner in the high-security wing of Brisbane's Boggo Road jail shouting protests during a riot yesterday over the reopening of the prison's "black hole" underground unit for Aboriginal prisoners who cause trouble during next year's Bicentennial celebrations.

About 250 inmates set fire to cells and burnt the kitchen (AP reports from Brisbane).

Mr Bill Irvine, the jail superintendent, said shots were fired over their heads.

Democratic row on Chicago mayor

From Charles Bremner, New York

After a week of furious factional feuding, Chicago's all-Democratic council yesterday chose Mr Eugene Sawyer, a controversial black alderman, to take over as acting mayor in succession to Mr Harold Washington, who died suddenly last Wednesday.

Black demonstrators chanted late into the night outside City Hall as bitter wrangling held up Mr Sawyer's confirmation until after dawn.

The 54-year-old Alabama-born alderman was elected with the help of the powerful white Democratic faction that represents the old party machine built up by Mayor Richard Daley.

The acting mayor will serve until an election, expected to be called for April 1989, in which city voters will choose a mayor to serve the remainder of Washington's term, which runs until April 1991.

The black-dominated supporters of the reformist Mr Washington largely backed Mr Timothy Evans, who lost a final vote by 19 to 29.

Diary gift to envoy sparked blast alert

Beirut (Reuter) – Police said yesterday that an envelope sent to the British Ambassador here, Mr John Gray, was not a booby-trapped bomb, as they had earlier thought.

A signal from a metal detector test was misread as being a detonator, but was from a slot for a pen in a diary sent as a Christmas gift.

Prisoners die

Taipei (Reuter) – Five alleged underworld bosses were among eight people who died when inmates set fire to a cell in a reformatory on Taiwan's top-security Green Island.

Swedes freed

Nairobi (Reuter) – Angola's right-wing Unita rebels said they had freed two Swedish aid workers kidnapped in northern Angola more than two months ago.

Lini victory

Port Vila (Reuter) – Vanuatu's ailing Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini, claimed victory in the South Pacific island state's second post-independence poll.

Hitler sale

Milan (AP) – A watercolour said to have been painted by Adolf Hitler in 1911 was auctioned for £4,600 here.

The Gulf War

Saddam flies in as Basra prepares for 'final harvest'

From Nicholas Beeston, Basra

Like a toy army laid out at his feet, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq reviewed his "Maginot Line" from a sleek Messerschmidt helicopter as he pondered the outcome of Iran's forthcoming offensives against Basra.

His surprise visit to Iraq's second largest city on Tuesday was ostensibly to spend Martyr Day with the people on the front line of the 7½-year Gulf War.

In reality Iraq's leader needed to reassure himself, the dwindling civilian population and his forces, that Iraq can withstand another winter offensive from the poorly-equiped but fearless "Persian hordes".

His troops have already nicknamed the Iranian attack "the final harvest", although exactly who will be harvested can only be decided on the First World War setting of the Gulf warfront.

In theory Iran could attack at any point on the 700-mile border, but the concentration of forces on the southern front leaves observers in little doubt that many thousands are likely to perish in the marshlands of the Shatt al-Arab waterway. The loss of Basra would leave President Saddam's regime in chaos and open the way for Iran to deal with its second Arab foe, the vulnerable Emirate of Kuwait.

For Mr Jassem Abdullah, aged 27, a sturdy veteran of the war enjoying a day's leave in the near-deserted Basra *souk*, there is no doubt that Iran can be beaten back.

"They will come and we are ready for them," said the soldier, who could not be expected to voice a different opinion, given his distinctive red beret indicating that he was a member of the élite professional forces.

His optimism, however, was not shared by many of his home city's residents, who have this week been subjected to a new bout of artillery bombardment after a two-week lull.

According to the city's Governor, Mr Anwar Sayeed al-Hadithi, the urban population has shrunk from a pre-war total of 1.5 million to 872,000. This week, however, even that figure would appear too high, given the deserted streets of the city centre and the sprawling suburbs beyond Iran's artillery range.

But the young soldier's view may have had some substance to it. Along a 20-mile stretch north of the city some of the region's most sophisticated weaponry vies for space by the dusty canal and river banks.

A brief inspection from the air revealed shoals of Soviet-made helicopter gunships, sleek Mirage and MiG warplanes concealed beneath reinforced bunkers, hundreds of lorries, anti-aircraft batteries, artillery and tanks on the cluttered approaches to the front.

Iraqi intelligence sources said that most of the men and materiel were being held in reserve, presumably to reinforce any sector under threat from an Iranian mass infantry attack.

Accurate figures for the number of troops on the southern front are impossible to verify, but independent sources estimate that Iran and Iraq each have 250,000 men. Iraq is believed to have deployed three army corps of 50,000 men, each backed by special forces, presidential guards and other specialist troops.

Western diplomats in Baghdad and Iraqi military officials appear to agree that the Iranian build-up on this front, and the tempestuous recent language of the ayatollahs, is no idle threat for a country where, among political leaders, Ayatollah Khomeini especially shows no signs of losing his appetite for war. Iraqi military officials concede that Tehran should be able to muster up to 500,000 combat troops for an assault.

In the Kerbala series of offensives last winter Iranian forces moved to within 10 miles of Basra before the huge casualty toll and strong Iraqi defences called a halt to their momentum.

But the advances sent chills through Baghdad which were felt particularly strongly in the Arab capitals and the West. President Saddam has since appointed a new Army Chief of Staff in Field Marshal Nizar Abdul-Karim al-Khazrajy.

The new commander is credited in particular with having established a rapid deployment reserve force and the reinforcement of Basra's protective layer by using engineers to build further water and earthwork defences. The swollen Shatt al-Arab and the marshes of the Delta should be an additional boost to the Iraqis.

On the Iranian side, Western observers are still fearful of writing off the chances of the Islamic Republic, whose shrewd military tacticians have outwitted the Iraqis in the past and can still pull off a surprise victory.

"The Iranians have not managed to go that far even with the element of surprise," commented one diplomat. "Unless they overcome the logistics problems they would seem unable to launch attacks at more than one place at the same time."

Observers familiar with Iran believe they could create an upset by launching a simultaneous, two-pronged offensive on the southern and central fronts, and using their strength in numbers to overstretch the Iraqi defenders.

Though Iran has had a nine-month breathing space to acquire new weapons and train more troops it is still hopelessly outgunned on the ground and dwarfed in the air.

Kuwait lends US Navy Gulf base

Kuwait – The Government of Kuwait has lent the US Navy a large ocean-going barge to be positioned in the northern Gulf as an observation post to detect Iranian mine-laying operations (Nicholas Beeston writes). The announcement was made yesterday by the Kuwaiti Minister of Oil, Sheikh Ali al-Sabah, who said the 100-yard-long vessel would be in international waters. He would not disclose the precise location, but it is believed that it will be moored near a joint Kuwaiti-Saudi offshore oil field. At present the 40-ship US Gulf force works from a similar base off Bahrain.



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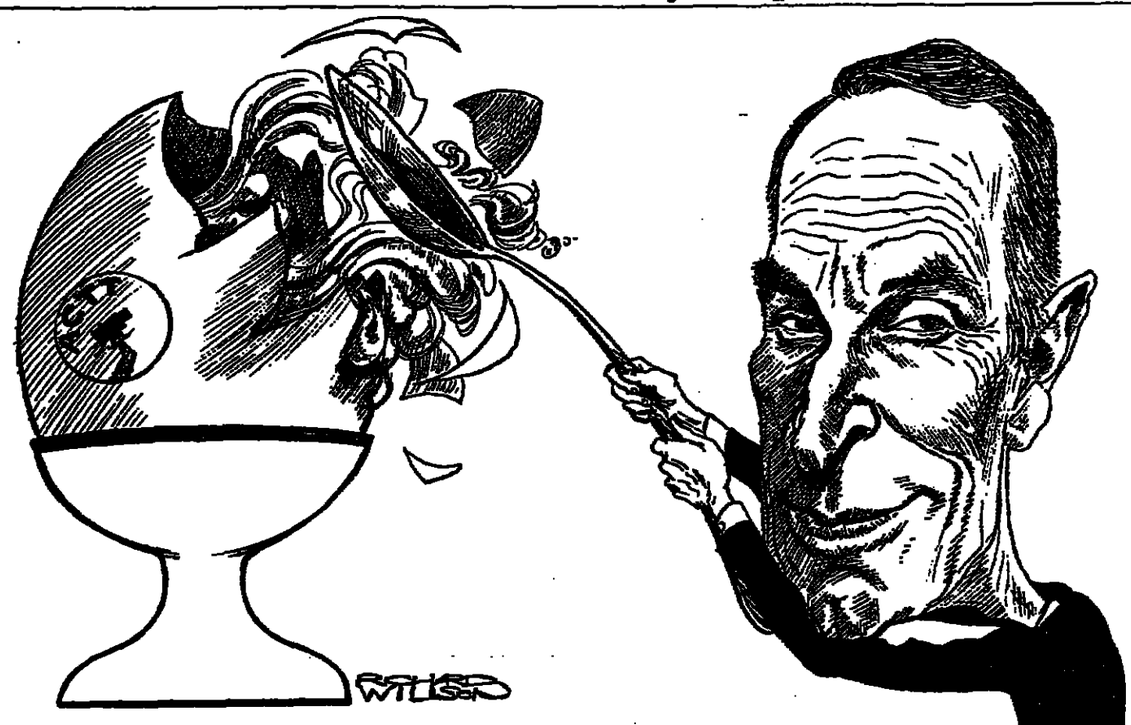
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Why has the colourful head of strike-bound TV-am decided to take on the television industry's all-powerful technicians?

Cracking the union's egg



If you like oddballs, said Greg Dyke, director of programmes at London Weekend Television, then you'll like Bruce. "He is one of life's characters."

Oddball or not, Bruce Gyngell, the £120,000-a-year chief executive of TV-am, this week finds himself cast in the role of the Eddy Shah of the television industry. Just as Shah once led the fight against the print unions, so now Gyngell is challenging the awesome power of the key production union in commercial television — the ACTT.

His battle has taken ITV's breakfast television show off the air, to be replaced by reruns of *Batman* and *Happy Days* punctuated by news bulletins and continuity announcements. After each show Gyngell is currently serving champagne and congratulations to the non-striking staff.

Meanwhile, outside, the ACTT is picketing TV-am's Camden Town headquarters in defence of the existing working agreements, which Gyngell wants to change. It is an argument that began over the manning levels for Gyngell's planned *Caring Chistmas* charity programme. But its implications strike deep at the heart of the complex web of deals between the ITV companies and the unions. The question now is: how far is Gyngell prepared to go?

He has the option of making a deal with the three remaining unions within TV-am and shutting out the ACTT. This could trigger the kind of widespread and prolonged dispute that was seen in the wake of Rupert Murdoch's move of his newspapers to Wapping. But the problem is that ACTT mans the rest of the ITV network and the advertisements that pay for Gyngell's programmes are all shot by ACTT crews. He could do it but it would mean a leap into the industrial unknown as far as the television business is concerned. He is more likely to sack the strikers until after Christmas in the hope that they will return, contrite, in the New Year.

It is a strangely aggressive role for the man who wanted, above all, to present his station as one, big, happy family. Gyngell is, unquestionably, an oddball. Arriving on the board of TV-am in January 1984 as the Australian hit-man representing Kerry Packer's shareholding, he rapidly established himself as the sort of man you avoid at cocktail parties. He was enthusiastic about eastern religions and deeply enamoured of the American Insight movement, which involves much self-examination and a relentlessly bright-eyed, highly coloured view of the world. Weird stories began to emerge about his desire to paint everything pink — a positive colour — and about morale-raising company songs. Mercilessly he jogged, drank herb teas and recommended Insight courses for employees suffering from depression.

All of which was handy local colour, but it largely ignored the fact that TV-am was suddenly successful. After its disastrous and supremely pompous launch under Peter Jay with its all-star list of middle to high-brow presenters, the station appeared to be doomed. Dyke as programme controller and Timothy Aitken as chief executive set about shoring up the ruins. They abandoned Jay's mission to explain in favour of simpering weather girls and cute anchor women and they launched a ferocious cost-cutting programme to reduce the annual overheads from £22 million to £17 million.

When Gyngell arrived, much of the salvage work had been done. Packer first asked him to produce a report. This was notable primarily for its concentration on the programme material rather than simply on the business side. Gyngell wanted TV-am to turn itself into even more of a soap-opera, with the emphasis on early morning froth rather than news. Dyke, although he had taken the station downmarket, retained more faith in hard news.

People would tune in, Gyngell argued, because the presenters were like real members of the family. Above all, they would be friendly. He even specified the colour of their clothes. Anne Diamond, a star created by Dyke, took this ideology as far as presenting her "love-child" on air soon after its birth. Gyngell has even literally cast himself in the company soap. After a divorce from his first wife, Ann, he married Kathy Rowan, a TV-am producer. They live in Chelsea and have a son, Adam.

THE TIMES PROFILE

BRUCE GYNGELL

But Gyngell's interest in the programme itself immediately brought him into conflict with Dyke. His formidable and comprehensive experience in Australia gave him the confidence to believe he could handle both the business and editorial sides himself. Dyke left and Aitken became chairman soon afterwards, leaving Gyngell in total control. For a man aged, at that time, 55, with a whole new range of spiritual fascinations thanks to Insight this was the hour of destiny.

"He upset a lot of people by just talking to anybody," said one current employee. "He would never bother going to a head of department or anything like that. He would just talk to anyone he met. He was as likely to take up an idea from a post-boy as an editor." It was this phase that generated the oddball mythology. But the charitable interpretation now is that it represented an endearing kind of innocence.

The truth is that Gyngell is a good deal more pragmatic than the stories suggest. He led TV-am into a healthy profit — and then he began to confront the station's role as Britain's television maverick. It was already the only company that sold its own advertising. Now Gyngell offered to do a network news broadcast every morning for nothing. This would have raised the station's credibility; but the offer was rejected and ITN were paid £4.5 million annually for the same three-minute transmission. Gyngell was derisive.

By the autumn of this year the tide had turned in his favour. The Government's interest in broadcasting had already resulted in a radical shake-up at the BBC. It then moved to the ITV system, where the companies' cosy agreements with the production unions and with each other over programming and advertising were offensive to the Thatcherite free market. Suddenly the company barons found themselves manning what the Prime Minister called "the last bastion of restrictive practices".

The TV-am franchise was due for renewal like all the others in 1992. Over the summer Timothy Aitken took the cautious view: the station should simply stick with its winning streak. Gyngell, in an almost complete reversal of his previous stance, produced a report arguing the case for a substantial increase in the in-house news capacity. He had money on his side — TV-am profits are expected in the City to rise from £8.7 million last year to £12.3 million this. Gyngell won the argument but it was a move that required new manning agreements. These would allow the station to become more flexible, able to move quickly on news stories. The old agreements were designed for a largely studio-based operation. Thus the seeds of the present dispute were sowed.

So winning is essential for Gyngell's editorial ambitions. But it is also essential for his personal stature; it would demonstrate that he is still the man at the centre, the man who likes to be seen in charge. As the former colleague said: "Bruce is vain. Not so much about his appearance, although he takes some care over that, but rather because he must be nearing the end of his career and he wants a substantial success story." Weather girls may turn round the figures, but hard news brings respectability.

How the mercurial and exotic Gyngell personality will cope has yet to be seen. Already he has had to learn to be a little less open about his more bizarre preoccupations — his board has told him to tone down his comments to the Press. The metaphysics of Insight were not quite the thing a quoted company needed for street credibility in the City nor for a serious union confrontation.

But, beneath the eccentricity, there is the hard fact that Gyngell has created a powerful position for himself. His timing has proved impeccable. "He'll win," said one executive, "because ACTT hasn't realized it's not a question of just money. He's got *politics* on his side."

Bryan Appleyard

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BIOGRAPHY

- **1929:** Born Melbourne, Australia. Educated Sydney Grammar School, Sydney University.
- **1950:** Trainee radio announcer at Australian Broadcasting Corporation.
- **1955:** Studied communications in America.
- **1956:** Joined Channel 9 in Sydney to become Australia's first ever television presenter.
- **1964:** Managing director of Channel 9.
- **1972:** Joined ATV in Britain to work with Sir Lew Grade.
- **1976:** Returned to Australia to become independent producer.
- **1977:** First chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.
- **1980:** Chief executive of Special Broadcasting Service.
- **1984:** Joined board of TV-am in January. Became managing director in May.

Tomorrow

Three weeks ago Dancing Brave was at death's door. Friday's Spectrum finds out how the world's most valuable stallion was saved





What price protection?

artfile



A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

There was general glee at the expense of the auction houses last week when the firm Phipps and Pritchard, of Kidderminster, were fined under the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 for an over-optimistic description in their catalogue.

They said a landscape painting was by the famous watercolourist Thomas Girtin when, in fact, it was by his pupil, William Pearson. David Ward, Phipps' auctioneer, was suitably contrite this week. "I was a fool to say it was 'by' Thomas Girtin. In future, I will be far more cautious." Apart from his £100 fine and £50 costs, Mr Ward has now paid voluntary compensation in full to the buyer, and has bought back the painting.

The accurate description of a piece is not simple. The London watercolour dealer, John Abbott, says: "The judgement was unfair. Pearson is jolly near Girtin, being his pupil. Half the stuff which comes up at auction is wrongly described, both optimistically and pessimistically. That is perfectly reasonable, as long as buyers understand auctions are a matter of *caveat emptor*."

Works of art are usually either inherited or bought through auction houses or dealers. Strictly speaking, the law says that the vendor must sell what he says he is selling. Professor Brian Harvey, author of *Auctions Law and Practice (1985)*, and a collector of violins, says he is surprised that there have not been more prosecutions under the Act in the art world. It should, however, be borne in mind that the Act is a criminal statute. While it gives the buyer a moral victory, it does not afford compensation.

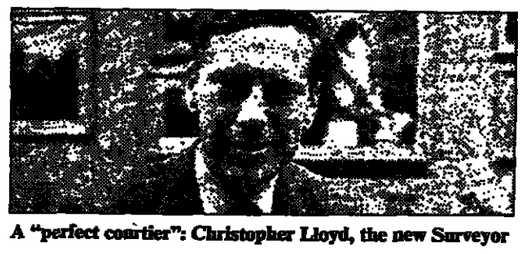
The advantages of buying at auction are many, the first being that the auctioneer takes a standard 10 per cent of the hammer price, as opposed to the phenomenal mark-up by some dealers. Auction houses provide detailed, itemized invoices, useful in event of dispute. But the risks are legion for an inexperienced buyer. For a start, there is the problem of simply getting "carried away". This happened in Bristol last year when £1.8 million worth of Regency property was picked up by a man who inadvertently waved his hand. And often it is impossible to tell whether an item has, in fact, been sold.

The Trade Descriptions Act with its criminal penalties apart, those claiming compensation under the civil law may find themselves up against a wall of disclaimers in the catalogues. Sotheby's do offer money-back guarantees if you can prove misattribution or theft, but the claims must be made within eight days (for coins and medals) 21 days (books) and five years (impressionist paintings). Finally, if an auctioneer inadvertently sells stolen goods, he is not legally required to reimburse the buyer because, in theory, the claim is against the vendor.

Buying from a dealer can cut out many of these problems. A dealer can be a friend who works with the buyer making discoveries, and acquiring them. He will allow buyers to try the object out at home, and often will be prepared to take it back when they are tired of it. As Professor Harvey says: "If he has an international reputation, that can be regarded as a guarantee." But as a breed, dealers are notorious for their lackadaisical business practices.

Entering the art market can be to enter a world of wonderful rewards, but can also be full of booby traps. The greatest challenge can be the cost, both financial and emotional, of taking on a legal fight. A case against Christie's New York — $23 million for allegedly selling fake Russian icons — reaches back to 1980. Whether or not the complainant wins his case, he will certainly lose his ticket into the art world.

Royal chance



A "perfect courtier": Christopher Lloyd, the new Surveyor

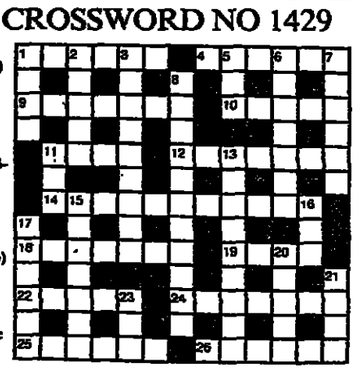
The architectural establishment has been trembling to its foundations this week, as the Prince of Wales lets out another broadside at its "carbuncles". Meanwhile, at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, commoners could be forgiven for thinking two exciting changes are afoot. Evidence of building work can be glimpsed over the wall, and the name of the new Surveyor of the Queen's pictures has just been announced.

But the Palace quickly explained that the building work is only for new police accommodation. And the art world described the new Surveyor — Christopher Lloyd, Assistant Keeper of Western Art at the Ashmolean Museum — as "a nice man, if a bit quiet", a "perfect courtier". The implication is that, after the precipitous finish to the career of the last Surveyor but one, Sir Anthony Blunt, the Palace is opting for peace and quiet.

The Queen's collection is a resource sadly underused. While the great possessions of the Valois and the Hapsburgs have become the keystones of the great museums of Paris and Vienna, ours is the only royal collection to remain intact. It is reputed to contain 5,000 pictures and includes a huge stock of Old Master drawings.

It is time the Prince of Wales became actively involved in the Royal Collection, initiating exciting new exhibitions to replace the drab line-up of Victoria's snapshots currently on offer. Most important of all, he should support our contemporary artists, adding their work to a collection which appears to fizzle out in the Fifties, with Ivon Hitchens and L.S. Lowry.

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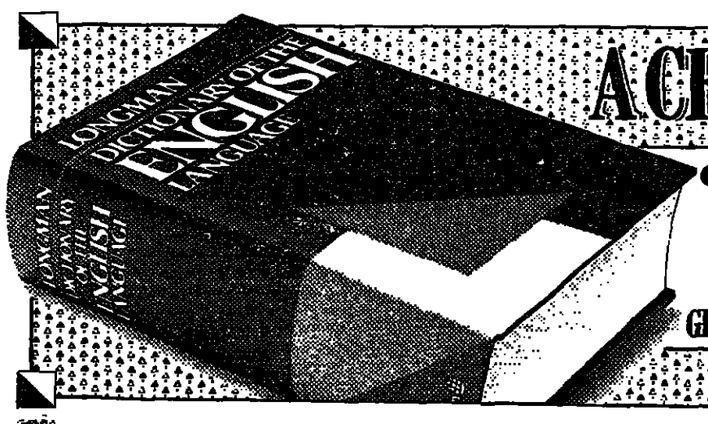
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HEALTH

Birth of the blues?

High-flyers are being brought low by postnatal depression, reports Victoria McKee



Wendy Hollo

Postnatal depression remains one of the great mysteries of childbearing, and is as likely to strike high-flying career women as single mothers living on social security. Now a quick 10-question quiz has been developed which can help health care professionals to identify those women who are most likely to suffer from the syndrome — and possibly to prevent it.

The *Edinburgh Postnatal* Depression Scale (EPDS) was developed by Professor John L. Cox and his team at Edinburgh and was tested on new mothers in Staffordshire, where Cox is now Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Keele. The EPDS looks deceptively simple.

The questions, which Cox suggests should be asked both before and after the birth, range from: "I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things a) as much as I always could; b) not quite so much now; c) definitely not so much now; d) not at all", to: "The thought of harming myself has occurred to me a) yes, quite often; b) sometimes; c) hardly ever; d) never".

The answers might pinpoint those women who have anxieties about the whole birth process which are likely to lead to postnatal depression.

"We are also about to initiate studies into the role of the father in the puerperium," Cox says. "I don't know whether fathers actually become clinically depressed, but they certainly suffer from their wives' depression and there are some very strained marriages during this period."

Between 10 and 15 per cent of mothers experience "a marked depressive illness" after childbirth, and at least half have not recovered by the end of the baby's first year, he explained in an article in the June issue of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

"The finding that the children of such depressed mothers may show behaviour disturbance at three years or cognitive defects at four years suggests that postnatal depression may have a long-term negative impact on the family." (Full-blown postnatal depression is not to be confused with the "weepies" or "baby blues" which attack the majority of mothers on about the third day after birth, when their milk comes in.)

Likely candidates for the condition are women in single-parent families, women with generally high anxiety levels or a history of emotional problems, mothers who have had Caesarean sections and feel cheated of the birth experience, or those who have difficulty breastfeeding.

'The loss of control puts a strain on them'

But, curiously, it is also the high-flying "superwomen", who believe that they can schedule a baby like a business appointment and breastfeed successfully between board meetings, who are particularly easy prey to postnatal depression.

"It is the loss of control and structure in their lives that puts a particular strain on these women," Cox says.

Another leading consultant psychiatrist, who has specialized in the treatment of postnatal depression for 17 years but asked not to be named because of his work in the private sector, adds: "The biggest risk group are the high-flyers who are perfectionists at their jobs and either miss the kudos of their careers, or are pressurized into going back to work more quickly than they should and trying to be as competitive as before.

"In my experience it's certainly the 'superwoman' types who find motherhood least satisfying and the greatest shock. They feel a conflict between child-rearing and their careers and, although it is assumed that every woman has a maternal instinct, their hearts may just not be in it."

In some cases it is the invisibility of the depressed condition which can be dangerous.

"Mothers suffering from postnatal depression may not look as though they've got a psychiatric disorder, and may cover up because society expects a new mother to be happy," Cox suggests. "The ooh-ing and aah-ing over the baby, the congratulations of friends and relatives, all make the mother feel she should be happy. If she isn't, she feels terribly guilty."

The actress Geraldine Swann, a woman with seemingly everything to live for — a blossoming career, devoted husband and adorable six-month-old twin boys — inexplicably walked into the sea last year and died of cold and exposure on the beach near her parents' home. She had been having treatment for postnatal depression.

'Society expects a new mother to be happy'

Fortunately it is only about one new mother in 1,000 who develops the chronic lasting depression which can be powerful enough to provoke suicide, infanticide or both.

There is no miracle cure on the horizon. Treatment is still initially by counselling, then by anti-depressant drugs. In psychiatric hospitals such as the Gordon (attached to the Westminster Hospital) where Geraldine Swann was treated, there are special mother-and-baby units available for in-patient treatment.

Progesterone is a controversial "cure", which some doctors recommend in the belief that a shortage of this hormone after birth enhances the problem. A newer theory promoted by Alan McGregor, Professor of Medicine at King's College and a leading expert in thyroid problems, is that the postnatal depression syndrome could be due to a malfunction of the thyroid gland after birth.

"If so, future management of many cases of postnatal depression could be improved simply by reassuring women that there is a logical explanation for their symptoms — or, where necessary, by correcting the thyroid function until it returns to normal of its own accord," McGregor says.

Cox agrees that more research needs to be done into the role of the father in postnatal depression — and also into "the effect which sheer tiredness can have on a person".

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Double diagnosis for a politician

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The official announcement that John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, was suffering from a bacterial infection was so vague that it could apply equally well to a wide variety of diseases from acne to meningococcal meningitis. In the absence of an authoritative statement, commentators divided almost equally between those who attributed his troubles to gall bladder disease, and those who opted for a bacterial pneumonia. As it happens the two conditions can also be confused clinically. Acute cholecystitis — inflammation and infection of the gall bladder — causes a cramping pain in the upper right abdomen which can also spread to the chest, the upper back and the tip of the shoulder blade, all places where the pain from pneumonia may be experienced. To make diagnosis even more misleading, the pain of cholecystitis is sometimes made worse by breathing and is associated with a slight temperature; similarly, pneumonia can cause upper abdominal as well as chest pains.

The long-term treatment of cholecystitis is surgical removal of the gall bladder, as gall stones have usually been the root cause of the bacterial infection. But there is no urgency as the symptoms, in most cases, settle rapidly with conservative medical treatment. Recently, successful fragmentation of gall stones has been achieved with a shock wave lithotripter.

Brain power



Highly intelligent children can pose as great a challenge to parents in their upbringing as the sub-normal, for in both groups a higher than average number will later show anti-social behaviour. Education services have concentrated on spotting slow learners; parents who claim high intelligence in their children have generally been dismissed as conceited.

Professor Ronald Illingworth of Sheffield University recently reviewed the early diagnosis of childhood brilliance in the medical journal, *Update*. He assessed 230 babies at between six weeks and six months old and estimated their intelligence; when they were seen again by psychologists at the age of seven or eight, the majority of his estimates were shown to be correct.

Physical examination shows that the potentially clever child tends to lose the instinctive primitive reflexes earlier than the average child. Parents will notice that the bright child smiles and vocalizes early, follows events with an intent gaze and soon learns to recognize sights and sounds which herald feeding time. Clever babies sleep less and pass their physical milestones early. The toddler who speaks early and picks up reading quickly is always destined to be mentally superior, but the reverse is not necessarily true. Many clever children are late talkers.

The parents of an apparently less able child need not be too discouraged: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Henry James and Schubert were practically innumerate, John Hunter the physician had dyslexia, Charles Darwin and William Wordsworth were considered so stupid or idle, or both, that their fathers predicted they would bring disgrace on their families, and Sir William Osler, the father of modern medicine, was expelled from school.

Achilles heel



Captain Mark Phillips will have to reconcile himself to the thought that rupturing a tendon is, like greying of the hair or going bald, one of the signs of approaching middle age. He recently ruptured his Achilles tendon at the back of his heel, the commonest tendon in the body to give way. It usually happens as a result of a sudden awkward stumble, but sometimes it occurs while engaging in a vigorous sport like squash.

The tendon frequently ruptures with such suddenness that the patient feels as if he (it is more common in men than women) has been struck on the ankle and turns around angrily to accost the person who has hit him.

So long as the diagnosis is made at once and treatment instituted quickly, long-term results are excellent. Trouble only occurs when the stitching together of the two ends of the torn tendon has been delayed and they have had time to retract and lose their elasticity.

After the injury the patient still has a little power at the ankle joint and is able to point the foot and even make an attempt to stand on the toes; but on examination, the gap between the ends of the ruptured tendon can be felt. After stitching the joint is put into plaster to facilitate healing.

Knees up

British orthopaedic surgeons were neither surprised nor obviously impressed by the news last week that an American colleague, Dr Richard Schmidt, had transplanted a knee to replace bone which had been affected by a tumour. The transplantation of sections of bone is not new; the Russians pioneered the work and have been doing it for years; Dr Gross in Toronto regularly replaces large portions of the thigh bone, and Dr Greg Keene in Australia has carried out transplants of the cartilage of the knee. Few bony tumours are suitable for Schmidt's operation, as there must be minimal risk of recurrence of the tumour either locally or in distant parts of the body. When it is considered safe to replace the bone which has been cut away, British surgeons prefer to use an artificial joint which does not carry with it the risk of bone necrosis (death) or rejection. Artificial knees are rapidly becoming more efficient and are now less likely to become infected.

Mr Malcolm Glasgow, a consultant surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital (one of the provincial centres which has specialized in joint replacements), says that the demand for replacement knee joints is booming, but he adds a word of warning to the Treasury: a new knee costs three times as much as a hip.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A clinic, treating all mental illness as biochemically-based, is opening in London

Eating back to happiness

Most modern psychiatrists treat mental illness with drugs of one kind or another. But Dr Carl Pfeiffer uses quite a different method. He believes that most, if not all, manifestations of mental illness result from biochemical imbalances in the body, and as such can be corrected by dietary means.

At his Brain Bio-Center in New Jersey he treats mental problems with combinations of vitamins and minerals. His aim, he says, is to restore patients to their full mental health and not merely to render them into tractable zombies. He considers his treatments a success when patients are able to move out of institutions and lead a full life in the outside world.

For more than 20 years Pfeiffer, who holds degrees in medicine, chemistry and pharmacology, was content to use orthodox means to treat psychiatric patients: hospitals. Then, after a heart attack at the age of 51, he decided to set up his own clinic, treating patients in his own way. Since 1966 he has been seeing more than 5,000 people a year.

At first, conventional psychiatrists considered his approach cranky, eccentric and unscientific. But now, at the age of 79, his work is at last gaining world recognition, mainly because his successes have been so startling. He has managed to cure epileptics, manic depressives and schizophrenics, enabling them to come off all their drug therapy. People who had not spoken for years, having retreated into a silent world of their own, have become bright and talkative after Pfeiffer's treatment.

"At our centre, we aim at complete social rehabilitation of the individual," Pfeiffer says. He is in London this week to launch Britain's first mental health clinic to treat patients by diet rather than drugs. The private clinic, in Fulham, London, will be using the nutritional approach.

"Although the nutritional approach sounds new and revolutionary, in fact it has been known for several centuries that diet could intimately affect mental health. In 1740 a naval surgeon, James Lind, found that sailors went berserk when deprived of fresh vegetables. Lind discovered that a balanced diet cured them completely.

"Before we knew about vitamin B3, the disease pellagra, causing dementia among other symptoms, was common. This disease was directly caused by deficiency of B3, and disappeared when the right treatment was given.

"It has been understood for a long time that alcoholics need lots of vitamins to get rid of mental symptoms associated with their addiction. And in Britain, it was eventually discovered that babies suffering from a condition causing severe mental disturbance could be cured by giving them zinc supplements."



Social rehabilitation through diet: Dr Carl Pfeiffer

From the work undertaken at Pfeiffer's clinic, he has come to the conclusion that deficiencies of zinc and the B vitamins can be responsible for severe mental illnesses. "Many types of schizophrenia respond to suitable supplementation. It costs just a few pence to give schizophrenics the right vitamins and minerals, as opposed to thousands of pounds a year for custodial care."

What, though, is mental illness, and how does it differ from mental health? Pfeiffer believes that "the thing all mental patients have in common is extreme misery. They do not enjoy their lives and feel that they are in prison. They do not feel free to make proper choices for themselves. Many sufferers are suicidal, many cannot perform even simple tasks, or get themselves a job.

"Some people hear voices. Others see floors rolling away in front of them, or become paranoid," he says. "There are a hundred ways to go crazy and I believe every single one has a biochemical cause."

But how can he be so sure? How can such traumatic events as bereavement, redundancy or huge financial losses — all of which may lead to a degree of mental illness — be considered to have a "biochemical" cause?

According to Pfeiffer, it is all to do with stress. "Whenever unpleasant events occur, they place the individual under greatly increased stress. And this stress produces dramatic biochemical changes within the body. The longer it goes on, the greater these changes can be.

"At our clinic, we take extensive hair, urine and blood samples to determine whether there are deficiencies, and we have found time and again that when under severe stress, individuals lose essential minerals such as potassium, calcium and zinc.

"Also, they often have extremely high copper levels. Although a certain amount of copper is essential, too much can cause very bad depression.

"Excess stress also stops people from sleeping properly, and this too can mean losses of important minerals. If sleeplessness becomes chronic, these minerals may never be made up in the body. Without sufficient zinc, for example, people can suffer from irritability, insomnia and paranoia. They become unduly suspicious of others.

"But we don't just rely on biochemical analyses. All of our patients have to fill out a detailed psychological questionnaire as well.

"Our therapy is precisely tailored to the individual. For example, 4 per cent of those labelled schizophrenic are simply allergic to gluten in wheat. They can be cured by a gluten-free diet."

There is always, Pfeiffer maintains, a close connection between violent crime and severe mineral imbalances. "James Oliver Huberty, who killed more than 20 people in San Diego, had the highest hair cadmium content ever recorded. Cadmium is of course a toxic anti-nutrient, found in cigarettes. We are now receiving hair samples of violent criminals from Scotland Yard.

"All the time our patients are being treated, we monitor them, and use standard American psychological tests to determine when they are cured. Every single one of our treatments is dietary and our primary aim is to get patients off their drug crutches. Many mentally ill patients become addicted.

"Although the nutritional approach is more accepted now, the standard psychiatric treatment in America is still with drugs," Pfeiffer says. "This makes patients tractable but it can never restore them to proper health. After all, laboratory drugs are substances which are alien to the body. Through dietary approaches, we try to restore the biochemical balance that nature intended.

"I can confidently predict, though, that nutritional therapy will soon become standard for psychiatric patients. It usually takes a generation to change attitudes, but I'm pleased to say that things are starting to happen, at last."

Liz Hodgkinson

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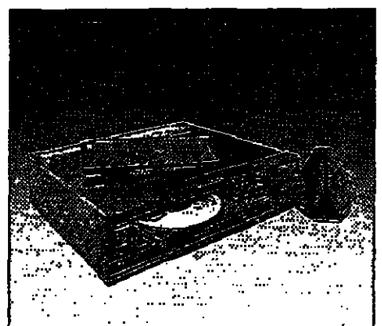
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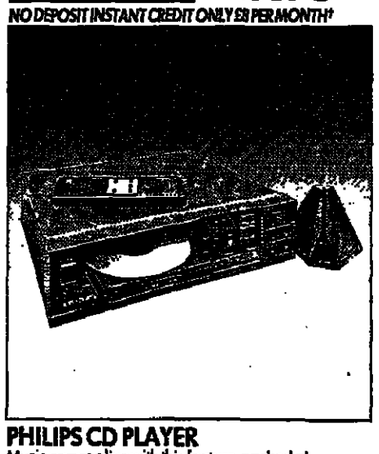
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Fire fund launched

Godfrey Bradman, the businessman turned philanthropist whose charitable works have included helping victims of the drug Opren, has given £25,000 for an office to raise money by Christmas for victims and their families of the King's Cross disaster. The plan is, in the words of Bradman's right hand man, Des Wilson, to launch a "commando raid" on the public purse within the next three big spending weeks. The initiative, which came from Gerry Isaaman, chairman of the King's Cross trustees and editor of *The Hampstead and Highgate Express*, will use London's theatres, schools and churches for collections. Wilson says there are still vacancies for seasoned fund raisers. "We need active enthusiastic professionals who can spare 21 days and be paid a small amount — and whose employers will let them go."

Late tackle

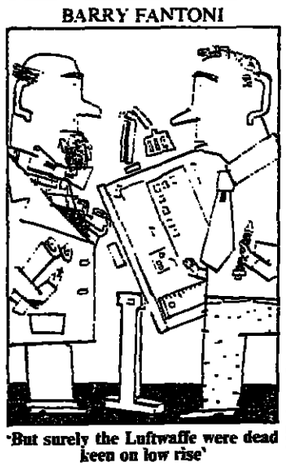
Pelé, the Brazilian soccer star who is now his country's ambassador for sports and tourism, narrowly escaped a £10 fine from a Westminster traffic warden yesterday. While the world's greatest footballer was kicking a ball around outside the Palace of Westminster during a visit with his British counterpart, Colin Moynihan, a Lovely Rita bore down on Pelé's driver from the embassy and asked him to move. When the chauffeur explained for whom he was waiting, she agreed that instead of landing him with a ticket she would accept the legend's autograph instead.

● **Left-wing Camden Council in London is inviting its workers to a weekend gay and lesbian residential course. A letter has been sent to all employees saying: "We would like to see a cross-section of lesbian and gay employees on the course — those who have not come out as well as those who have. . .all confidences will be respected." Good luck.**

Reagan's temple

After looking at and rejecting 30 sites, Ronald Reagan has finally found somewhere to build a library that will for all time associate his name with the pursuit of knowledge, following a tradition among modern US presidents. Two years ago Stanford University refused permission for a Reagan Library, fearing it would label the campus "ultra conservative". Now the $60 million temple of learning will be built on donated land 75 miles from the Reagans' mountaintop ranch in the lotus-eating paradise of Santa Barbara, California. The complex, which will include a museum and centre for public affairs, is expected to draw 100,000 visitors a year.

BARRY FANTONI



'But surely the Luftwaffe were dead keen on low rise'

Westland ho

Tam Dalyell never gives up. After being expelled from the Commons the other day for calling the PM a liar, the Labour MP for Linlithgow was last night scheduled to speak with Peter Shore against the motion "Socialism is an outmoded concept" at the Cambridge Union. However, yesterday afternoon he was seen scurrying off with his voluminous Westland files, intent on turning his contribution into the usual diatribe on the helicopter affair by arguing instead that "Truth is not an outmoded concept". But then I suspect opponents Cecil Parkinson and John Biffen are used to such manoeuvres from Tam.

Hyper-friendly

On the west coast of America the nicest thing you can currently do for a friend is to organize "an intervention". The idea is that someone unwittingly beginning to "lose the plot" owing to his reliance on drink or drugs is invited to a friend's apartment. On arrival, his spouse, family, agent, manager and friends emerge to announce that they are intervening in his life. If all goes well the victim, thus confronted with his peers' verdict, is bundled into a waiting car and persuaded to check into the nearest appropriate clinic at the others' expense. I would like to relate that these tactics, by now codified in self-help paperbacks, save lives. They may — but the only intervention I have been told about in detail was for a coke-snorting pop singer. "Was she grateful? Was she hell!" confides my source. "She sacked her agent."

PHS

Wrong targets for the prince

by Simon Jenkins

Whatever charges may be laid at the Prince of Wales's door, wimpishness in his public speeches is not one of them. His diatribe this week against "the tyranny" of modern urban development was a tour de force. Architecture — the most jargon-ridden of all professions — will find it hard to equal his "stunted Manhattan imitations" and his imagery of rape, caprice and the Luftwaffe.

Whether the prince's verbal assault amounts to more than the outpourings of an upper-crust "disgusted of Tunbridge Wells" is a different matter. Is it a real contribution to a real debate?

First, the prince is in danger of sounding out of date. British town planning has moved on from the outrages he cited in his City of London talk. Even Birmingham is not now seeking — as it did in the 1970s — to wipe out 500 buildings in its jewellery district for a multi-storey car park.

The arguments that consume Newcastle upon Tyne or Manchester today are still painful to those concerned with the future of British town planning. Some, such as Newcastle's inner motorway, merit the term rape. But they are mild compared with the desecration these cities suffered in the Sixties.

The prince would therefore be well advised to exchange his blunderbuss for a rifle. He is rightly constrained from political controversy. Yet most of his examples were not just the creations of diseased architectural minds. They were enacted by national and local politicians in full command of their senses: their pride, extravagance and bad taste in those days knew no bounds.

Most of the stumpy towers which now dot the London skyline were wholly "political", erected through decisions to override the planning rules. In London, Centre Point, Stag Place, the Euston tower, and the Notting Hill Gate tower were all deals negotiated by (mostly Labour) London county councillors with developers in return for extra road space.

Other infringements of London's high buildings control, such as the Shell Centre and the Hilton Hotel, were ordered by Harold Macmillan, eager to attract foreign investment. Others still, such as Knightsbridge Barracks and the appalling Royal Free and Charing Cross hospital towers at Hampstead and Hammersmith respectively, were simple government decisions. There is no one else to blame.

Turn to the provinces and the wreckage of such once-handsome Victorian towns as central Liverpool, Newcastle or Birmingham may have been helped by architects who really believed people should be forced to wander round completely rebuilt cities on first-floor podia — perhaps the biggest mistake of intellect and imagination of any post-war profession — but these professionals did not have free rein. They worked in democratic institutions subject to democratic controls.

It was the politician, T. Dan Smith, who pattern-bombed central Newcastle upon Tyne with glass and concrete boxes. It was the City Corporation's planning chairman who made the St Paul's precinct look like a poor man's Croydon. It was Peter Walker who permitted the demolition of the historic east side of Bishopsgate. It was Peter Shore who permitted the demolition of London Docks, the finest Georgian industrial architecture in Europe. Professionals, even guilty ones, should not be made scapegoats for politicians.

How salutary therefore if Prince Charles could now be tempted to widen his horizon from particular cases (like St Paul's again) to today's real planning controversies and to "mistakes" which he may yet find himself castigating in some future speech to humiliated architects.

Undoubtedly the most vulnerable environments now are those of Britain's small market towns, threatened by huge shopping centres close to their historic cores. Residents of Winchester, Devizes, Trowbridge, Worcester, and Weymouth could find these developments more devastating even than the 1960s office monoliths were to Birmingham and Manchester.

One hundred thousand square feet of retail floor space with turning circles for Euro-juggernauts and multi-storey car parks must obliterate any medieval or Georgian street pattern — not to mention any historic buildings in their way. The shopping provided by these developments will certainly one day be obsolete, probably making way for the small-scale specialist shops they are wiping out.

This issue is not one of ideological "non-planning", as some Tories like to maintain. It is merely bad planning, motivated by politicians nervous about Green Belt voters — voters resistant to the obvious answer of putting big shops near bypasses and motorways.

The Prince of Wales is understandably reluctant to plunge into such hot political issues. Yet it is precisely the heat of planning politics that can make — or prevent — the mistakes he so deplores. If he really wants to be of use, he should chance his arm on less easy targets than what is now past history.

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Who makes the law?



Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, examines the case for judges to be freed of the bonds of precedent

The oath which a judge swears on his appointment to "do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm without fear or favour, affection or ill will" raises profoundly difficult issues, not only where there is no rule of law on which to base a decision, but also where the just solution of a dispute would involve abrogating an apparently established rule of law.

If a judge decides that the imperatives of certainty and consistency of decision point to the application of a known rule whose utility has become outmoded, he may perpetrate an injustice. He may, of course, be bound by the rules of precedent to accept such a result. If he decides to distinguish an earlier case he may do so in such a way as to create uncertainty in future cases by setting up new distinctions and qualifications. If, on the other hand, he is able to overrule a previous decision, the effect may be to cast doubt on the validity of arrangements made on the basis of the earlier law, and, unless he is careful, an overruling decision may cause dislocations elsewhere in the legal system.

Whether a judge should merely apply the law or whether, as a bold spirit, he should extend it to deal with circumstances to which it has not previously been held authoritatively to apply, are problems which go to the core of the judicial function.

The scope for judicial creativity has been circumscribed at different times and at different levels in the judicial hierarchy, by limits set down by rules of precedent. Although it has been argued — to my mind not very convincingly — that precedent justice is unfair, on the ground that it interferes with the wiser conclusions of a later judge through the "prejudice" of an earlier, a scheme of precedent is clearly capable of providing important benefits.

It assists litigants to assess the nature and scope of legal obligations and, to the extent that it enables them to predict the likely outcome of disputes, it restricts the scope for litigation. By allowing the vast bulk of disputes to be settled in the shadow of the law, a system of precedent prevents the legal apparatus from becoming clogged by a myriad of single instances. It reflects a basic principle of the administration of justice that like cases should be treated alike and therefore generates a range of expectations from different participants in the legal process. Rules of law based on a system of precedent are therefore likely to exhibit characteristics of certainty, consistency and uniformity. But such rules, depending on the practices of the courts, are by the same token liable to prove difficult to remove or modify.

The problems of reconciling the desire for certainty and stability on the one hand with the need for change on the other came more sharply into focus following the Practice Statement read by Lord Chancellor Gardiner on behalf of all the Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, before judgments were delivered on July 26, 1966.

Since then it has become possible to discern certain principles which the House has applied to limit the ambit of judicial law making. First it is clear that the power to overrule a previous decision is to be used sparingly, on the ground that it would otherwise weaken existing certainty in the law. Secondly, the House has indicated that only in rare cases should it be prepared to overrule cases concerning the construction of statutes or other documents. An opportunity to depart from a previous decision on a question of construction might be available if the alleged error was of recent origin. The overruling decision must be given full retrospective effect, even if it causes injustice by disturbing reasonable expectations and reliance placed on earlier decisions.

When a court overrules a decision prospectively it makes a distinction between matters arising before the decision and those which occur afterwards. Those before the decision are decided with reference to the old law (which is applied in the overruling case); those which take place afterwards will be governed by the new rule (which is formulated in the overruling case). In a sense the Practice Statement of the House of Lords in 1966 was an example of prospective overruling.

The practice of prospective overruling has three important effects. First, it disposes of the Blackstonian theory that judges merely declare the law. It acknowledges, frankly, their law-making function. Secondly, prospective overruling relaxes the grip of precedent as a guide to the solution of new problems by excluding from its application contracts, fiscal arrangements and settlements entered into on the bases of earlier law. Thirdly, by preserving existing rights it is more conducive to the general stability of the legal process because it avoids sudden discontinuities from previously established rules and practices.

Should the practice of prospective overruling be adopted in appropriate cases in our courts?

There are a number of objections. The first, I believe, is that prospective overruling does not necessarily ensure certainty, stability or predictability. For that reason I believe it would pose a real threat to the view, widely held in our society, that judges apply the law even-handedly to all and it would thereby undermine confidence in the judiciary. I accept that in some cases "certainty" is unattainable but the experience of the American courts has shown different variations of the practice of prospective overruling are perfectly capable of producing different results in the same type of cases which, according to our principles of justice, are entitled to be treated on a like basis.

The parties before the court are in my view entitled to a decision which deals with the problems revealed in their case, not with those of imaginary litigants and their advisers. To the extent that the practice qualifies a basic principle of the administration of justice that like cases are to be treated alike, it would, I believe, be very likely to encourage more cases to be taken to appeal. The last, and to my mind the most important, objection is that the opportunity it would provide judges to change the law might provoke political and constitutional problems about the relationship between the Legislature and the Judiciary in the law-making process.

It would, I believe, damage the perception that judges are impartial figures who seek to administer justice according to law, especially in those cases where they are called upon to reach decisions about the application of legislation designed to give effect to policies which have been the subject of intense public and parliamentary controversy, for example in the field of industrial relations where there is plenty of room for differences of opinion about what is just and reasonable but on which, under our Constitution, the opinion of Parliament is paramount.

At the end of the day, I do not consider the technique of prospective overruling would be a useful addition under our Constitution.

If judges are to change the law, and I see no reason to conceal the facts that they do, it must be by the development and application of fundamental principles to disputes between parties concerned about specific events which have occurred in the past. Such development and application may show that a particular rule used in the past should no longer apply, but the fundamental principles were always part of the law and it is therefore justifiable to apply them to the case before the court. A judge who in this way administers justice does no more, and no less, than perform that which his oath requires.

This is an edited version of the 1987 Maccabean lecture in Jurisprudence, Can Judges Change the Law, *which Lord Mackay gave yesterday at the British Academy.*

Raisa: not in front of the proletariat

Mikhail Gorbachov was evidently embarrassed when asked in his NBC interview what he talked about with his wife in the evenings. After hesitating, averting his eyes and fidgeting, he finally said quietly: "We discuss everything." Pressed to clarify whether "everything" included matters of state, he evinced even greater embarrassment and said he had already answered the question — which indeed he had, to the delight of his American interviewer, Tom Brokaw, and the fascination of American viewers.

The Soviet public, however, was denied this insight into marital politics in the Gorbachov household. Moscow television omitted the supplementary question and with it the "yes" implicit in the answer. Whether the editing was at the behest of the Kremlin, concerned that Gorbachov had divulged too much for his (and his wife's) good, or because Soviet media officials, appreciating the sensitivity of the question, censored the passage of their own accord, matters little. *Glasnost* has limits and the private lives of Soviet leaders have long been a forbidden area.

More remarkable than the censorship was the fact that Gorbachov answered the question at all. It would have been understandable, in Soviet terms, if he had chosen simply to say "that is a private matter". Maybe he was caught off guard. More likely, for so accomplished a performer, he took a deliberate decision to break the taboo — only to be wrong-footed by Brokaw's pursuit of clarification.

For Gorbachov to have told the Soviet public, in so many words, that his wife influenced policy would have fuelled the seething resentment of her that already exists in the Soviet Union. Much of it stems from jealousy pure and simple. Women envy her clothes, her cosmetics, her jewellery. Still more they envy the access she has to such things, the resources she has to buy them and the time she has to invest in her appearance. Men envy the fact that she is treated as a privileged consort, while their own wives — in traditional Soviet fashion — are invisible. Unlike many Westerners, they also find Mrs Gorbachov unattractive. They regard her as cold, steely and unfeminine — another iron maiden, no less.

Mrs Gorbachov has two problems, neither of her making. She is the consort of a Soviet leader who is making his mark in the world. In the West, a presentable partner is an expected asset for a politician. For the Soviet public, it is a largely unwelcome novelty. Her other problem is that, although sexual equality in enshrined in the Soviet constitution, practice falls far behind principle.

Resistance to giving women jobs which offer real power (in the party) runs deep. Anyway, they do not have the time to cultivate the contacts. Soviet women are torn between the priorities of home and work even more than their Western counterparts, and lack both the moral support and the domestic appliances usually available in the West to ease their load.

While the Gorbachovs, jointly, try to promote the image of Soviet women, two stereotypes persist. One is the ideal "Tatyana" — demure young girls with pigtails in bows who are still to be seen in school playgrounds. The other is the female tractor driver, the equal of Soviet man in every way.

Despite the disadvantages suffered by most Soviet women, however, Raisa Gorbachov's particular difficulties are far from unique. Mrs Reagan and Mrs Kinnock — to name but two — have come in for similar criticism: that they enjoy more power through marriage than they would have otherwise gained. The single answer to that is for a woman to be able to succeed in her own right and for married leaders to be regarded as a team. The prospect of either is probably more remote in the Soviet Union than in most other developed countries.

Mary Dejevsky

Ronald Butt

Opposition on a wider front

On every overt indicator it is the government which now enjoys the overwhelming balance of advantage in politics, while Labour struggles vainly to discover new policies which will win back voters without arousing the left-wing activist majority of the party which rejects pragmatic Kinnockism.

If, for instance, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, was genuinely hinting at an intended shift towards multilateralism when he talked about the unilateralist policy being "overtaken by events", Mr Kinnock really is likely to face civil war in the party. So, too, with domestic policy. The more he and Mr Bryan Gould try to bring the party to recognize market forces the more trouble they will meet from Labour's party workers.

Voters know that Labour remains at the mercy of its unconverted left. That is why the Tories now stand at 50 per cent in the latest opinion poll, compared with 43 in the general election, with Labour at only 38 compared with 32. Each has benefitted about equally from the collapse of the centre Alliance support from 23 to 12, but on any rational assessment of the two parties' relative fitness to govern, the Tories' lead looks more impregnable than ever.

Yet Labour's lack of credibility is not the only criterion against which the parties' prospects should be assessed. Ahead of Mrs Thatcher there lies probably the most difficult of her three parliaments, as Labour launches campaigns against the government's bills on education, the poll tax and housing, which will be more ferocious, self-confident and effective than any previous attempts.

That is because almost for the first time since 1979 Labour knows that it has positive sympathizers on these issues throughout the spectrum of public opinion, including many Tories. There are the Tory councillors, constituency-workers, MPs and voters who dislike the poll tax; Tory education authorities who oppose many of Mr Baker's plans for education, and even some Tories who are worried about the consequences for the poor of higher private-sector rents.

There is also the alliance of Tory critics, opposition peers and bishops which seems to form a working majority in the Lords and which is avidly waiting its moment to give the government hell; an opposition which contrives to look non-partisan if only because there is still a superstitious idea abroad that at least when they rebuke the government for its policies on education or the economy, the bishops speak with extra-terrestrial authority.

Above all, the differences of opinion in the Tory party itself are very different from the division between the wets and the drys during Mrs Thatcher's first parliament. That conflict looked real at the time and was given a greater credibility than it really possessed by the previous dominance in Tory politics of its leading figures inside the Cabinet, the Pyms, the Gilmours and the Priors, who regularly primed the press with their thinking and particularly impressed journalists whose set ideas were also those of the Sixties.

But it was an illusory opposition. The reality was that Mrs Thatcher's then Tory critics within her government had nowhere else to go except to political extinction because their ideas had already been broken on the wheel of past failures. What is more, everyone who could think straight knew that there really was no alternative to Thatcherite anti-inflation policies because the only alternatives had been tried by both parties and had failed. The public understood this and was on the side of the government in its determination to defeat inflation, curb over-mighty trade unions and spread ownership.

Now, however, the attack comes not from a group of politicians defending old discredited policies but from people who, from practical experience in the areas affected, can give substance (or its appearance) to the critique of the government's new legislation. Some of this is a great deal less credible than it looks. For example, when we hear that Tory education authorities dislike what Mr Baker is proposing for the curriculum and for the right of parents to opt their state schools out of local authority dependence, we should remember that the opinion of these "Tory" authorities is very much the product of the education officers and head teachers who have a vested interest in the system the government is trying to reform. Yet this sort of opposition can be made to look impressive.

Most dangerous of all is the opposition to the poll tax, which arouses within the Tory party a concern spread far beyond the so-called wets, is based on easily perceived disadvantages, and draws also on a genuine non-party concern; as, indeed, does the broader anxiety about the condition of the public services, discussed here last week. In the context of a threatening recession, even though that is not the government's fault, all could drive the government increasingly on to the defensive.

It is no longer a matter of a conflict of general economic theories but of practical and detailed arguments about concrete propositions which can be probed and tested. In protracted dog fights in Parliament, attention will be distracted from Labour's lack of credibility and focused on an attack on the government which is given credibility because it comes from so many quarters.

The dictum that governments lose and oppositions do not win elections is only a part truth. Oppositions can lose by showing themselves unfit for power as Labour does now. But a sustained period of government unpopularity could leave an incurable dislike of the Tories and motivate Labour's extremists to more cautious behaviour as victory becomes a possibility. Labour may remain Mrs Thatcher's best friend, but its intellectual incoherence is no guarantee of her future if the government cannot persuade public opinion.

***however* . . . Joseph Connolly**

The low-down on garbage.

I have been thinking rubbish all week; let me quell all derision by explaining what I mean. Yesterday's papers, for instance — not just Britain's, the entire outpouring from every press in the world. Where did it all *go*? All the bottles, tin cans, boxes, furniture, cars, wrappers, failed attempts at articles — where do they all *go*?

I hadn't the slightest idea, so I determined to approach the experts in the field — the council. Now my borough is Camden, and I can only assume that wherever their rubbish goes, their switchboard and telephones have been turfed out with it, for no one seemed inclined to answer any of my calls. So I decided instead to call on Fred and Jeff.

Fred and Jeff advertise themselves in a local paper as specialists in house clearance ("All Domestic and Other Rubbish Cleared Moderately") and their Kilburn headquarters is a sight to behold, rendering Fagin's hideaway a monument to obsessive order.

"Do you really clear away *all* rubbish?" I asked. "*Any* rubbish?"

"Just coming up to two o'clock," said Jeff. "Speak up — I'm a bit deaf."

"*I said*," I bellowed back, "do you take *anything*?" "Oh no," Jeff assured me, placing a finger to the side of his nose, and closing both eyes. "I never could wink," he apologised.

"Well — what *do* you take?" I raved.

"I don't think it's any of your business what I make."

"Oh this is hopeless." I despaired. "Can I talk to Fred?"

"Wouldn't do you any good."

"Why?! Is Fred also deaf, Jeff?"

Jeff shook his head. "Worse," he said. "Dead."

Great, I thought — so much for investigative journalism: Jeff's deaf and Fred's dead.

"Well why are you called Fred and Jeff, then?!" I shrieked.

Jeff looked at me with the sort of compassion one might reserve for the village idiot. "He wasn't *always* dead," he said.

I decided to write down my questions, and started scrabbling in my case for the necessary.

"Just digging out my pen!!"

"Pleased to meet you, Ben," beamed Jeff.

I wrote large on a piece of paper: When you visit a house, do you genuinely take away *all* the rubbish? Where does it all *go*?"

Jeff took out his glasses and rammed his face into the paper, his lips moving as he scanned each line in turn. "I can't make out your writing," he announced.

"But it's in block capitals!!"

Jeff patted me on the shoulder in a fatherly way. "Wouldn't make any difference if it lit up at night, Ben. I can't read *any* writing."

I know we ace reporters are supposed to stick with a thing, but I admit I was becoming discouraged. At that moment, a very large lady emerged from the back room, and I instinctively retreated into a mountain of cardboard boxes and rags which tumbled down and half-buried me.

The lady's moon face cracked into welcome as she extended a hand and came towards me.

"This is my wife, Hat," said Jeff. "Hat — Ben. Ben — Hat."

Hat kept on coming, sailed right past *me*, and crashed face-first into the wall.

"You'll have to excuse Hat," Jeff grunted. "Blind as a bat."

"All I want to know," I pleaded, "is whether you genuinely take all the stuff from a house clearance, and where it goes after that."

"*All* of it!" said a shocked Hat to a coatstand a yard to the left of me. "Certainly not. You has to be selective in the rubbish game. As to where it *goes* — it mostly stops here, dear." She turned around and asked chattily of a 9ft bale of yellowed newsprint: "Will you be off to write your article now?"

"I shall try," I muttered brokenly from behind her.

"Well, we'll not read it. Reporters always twist what you say."

Jeff nodded vigorously and said: "I don't mind a cup, if you're making it."

I made my excuses and left — promising not to rubbish them in the press. Throwaway ending.

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THE CASE AGAINST DR RUNCIE

The Church of England is a declining institution. It is uncertain about its public purpose and divided over its internal beliefs. It therefore offers a formidable test for its leaders. In the view of the anonymous writer of today's Preface to *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has fallen far short of success in his thankless task.

It is possible to reverse this direction of attack and argue that only the ambiguous leadership which the archbishop has been offering would have held the Church of England together in one piece this long; that strong and charismatic leadership in almost any direction could well have imposed such a strain on some Anglican loyalties by now that there would be not much of a church left to lead. The Church of England does not claim such discipline and authority over its members that they may be taken as a body somewhere they do not want to go. It is not just an accident of history that it is not a papal church but its historic choice.

That is a possible reply to this trenchant criticism. But it is not sufficient. More significant than the decline in active membership of the Church of England in the last two generations has been a decline in its authority. Respect for whoever holds the job of Archbishop of Canterbury is one of those few fine threads that bind the Anglican churches. Lack of respect, whether caused by well-meant dithering or subtle diplomacy, may cut those bonds just as certainly as would an attitude of strict support of any strict code of belief.

The Preface writer is right to point out that the Church's recent history of liturgical modernizations, new approaches to theology, modifications of traditional ethical beliefs has been motivated by an over-arching wish to stay abreast of the public mood. For every one of these there may have been specific justification. The Church has been scared of the danger that beliefs and behaviour out of step with the contemporary mores of English society would lose the confidence of that society.

But the Church's well-meant efforts have not retained that confidence and interest. It is an experiment which has failed to deliver the fuller pews it seemed to promise. The charge levelled by the *Crockford's* Preface against Dr Runcie and against most of the rest of the Church's hierarchy is that the experiment should not have been tried, and ought now to be abandoned.

It is hard to avoid a comparison — which the Preface writer with uncharacteristic tact does not make — between the present Primate of All England and the present Pope. No one ever accused him of a lack of firm principle, not knowing his own mind, following whatever the majority wishes at that moment. And he has gained enormous respect and authority for it.

Dr Runcie cannot be faulted for the charm of his manner or the sincere warmth of his personal dealings. But there is a trap into which the English in particular are prone to stumble, the confusion of decency with Christianity. He is above all a decent man: it does not follow that that is enough. Decency avoids hurting people's feelings. It looks for compromise and reconciliation. There are times when a religious leader may have to hurt some feelings, when compromise is wrong and reconciliation impossible.

Some of the surprise and shock at the tone of the Preface is due to the contravention of these civilised decencies by one churchman, hiding behind the protection of the anonymity which custom offers him. It is a strange custom; and the participation in it of such figures as the First Church Estates Commissioner and the Secretary General of the General Synod, who must bear responsibility for the Preface however much they disclaim it, is an extraordinary indulgence.

Their ultimate defence must be that in a church ruled by such conventions of politeness, only anonymity will allow the painful truth to be heard. It would be healthier if it were not so, and indeed would provide a better climate for an Archbishop of Canterbury to offer the Church the smack of some firm principles.

No crisis in the Church of England today can be discussed without reference to the one really major division, which no amount of decency and compromise has so far managed to smooth away, concerning the ordination of women to the priesthood. The Preface writer makes no such attempt; on the contrary it is one of his major themes.

The view that the only duty of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the face of such a proposal is to see it off as fast as possible is not one which the Church of England at large will share, and if that is all the criticism amounted to it would be merely partisan. But the ordination of women has probed Dr Runcie's qualities as a leader quite mercilessly, and will go on doing so. If he has set himself only one objective, namely the holding of the Church in as much of one piece as possible while the storm breaks, he is entitled to be judged as such. But if it results in a further leeching of the Church's authority, and by implication a further weakening in the credibility of the Gospel it preaches, then the price will have been too high. The Archbishop of Canterbury would do better to decide which side he is on, lead the Church vigorously that way, and if it must split then let it split.

LORD MACKAY'S LAW

English history in the seventeenth century essentially determined the character of the constitution under which we are still governed. The theme of that history was a competition for sovereignty between three contenders — the Crown, the Parliament and the judges. Parliament won. Since then no judge has dared to suggest that there is any limit on what it is legally competent to do, save, of course, the single limit that it can, in no circumstances, bind its successors.

There remains, however, a vast area of law with which Parliament has not meddled. This is known as the common Law, and it is the business of the judges to interpret and enforce it. It is with this area that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the new Lord Chancellor, concerned himself in the Maccabaean lecture which he gave yesterday at the British Academy — an edited version of which appears on the opposite page. How should the judges, when they are not simply concerned with the interpretation of statutes, decide what the law is?

Hitherto the accepted rule in this country has, in general, been that they should be bound by precedent — that is to say, by past decisions. That this presents difficulties is obvious. A judge who applies an old rule to a new case may plainly perpetrate an injustice. The old rule may have simply been wrong, or the new circumstances may have rendered it completely irrelevant. If the judge simply applies it, how can he reconcile doing so with his duty to ensure justice in the most generally accepted meaning of the term?

Yet there is another side to the coin. If a judge simply does justice according to his own conscience he is likely to impair the predictability of the law and to open the way for a whole series of judicial decisions which will appear to be wholly arbitrary. In that case, the fundamental principle that like cases should be treated alike goes out of the window. In that case also, litigation is likely to increase, since those attempting to engage in it will always feel that they have a fair chance of success.

In the United States, the courts have wrestled with this dilemma by developing a doctrine known as "prospective overruling". This means that they can ignore the principles on which former decisions were based, but that the new decisions that they make will not apply retrospectively. It will not even apply to the case in hand, but only to future cases. In 1966, the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords made a tentative approach towards this doctrine by determining that it could, in certain unusual circumstances, set aside its past decisions. The fundamental difference is that, in the case of the appelate jurisdiction of the Lords, whatever decisions are made are deemed to be the law of the land, applying both prospectively and retrospectively.

Lord Mackay makes it abundantly clear that he thinks predictability to be essential to the rule of law and, therefore, he holds that respect for precedent is of paramount importance. He was heralded as likely to be a legal reformer. We hope that this proves true. But in the fundamental matter to which he addressed himself yesterday, the need for a high degree of certainty in the administration of the law, he is a conservative, and of this we also approve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fingers on the pulse of NHS

From Mr David Mann

Sir, Demands on the National Health Service are growing faster than the NHS's ability to meet them, despite ever-increasing expenditure. May I suggest two radical measures to alleviate this situation?

The first is to set aside an agreed proportion of the gross national product for the NHS, perhaps by a free vote in Parliament or even a referendum. A figure of 7p in the pound might be appropriate (a one third increase). The NHS would benefit automatically from any increased prosperity without becoming over-burdensome, and health authorities would have a secure basis on which to plan for several years ahead.

The second is to encourage private health insurance by making premiums tax-exempt, thereby reducing demands on the NHS. In the short term private hospitals are liable to attract staff from the NHS, but in the longer term greater resources in total would attract more people into health services. Private hospitals should pay a levy to the NHS for training the staff they attract and this money should be used to expand recruitment and training.

Yours faithfully,
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November 30.

From Mr D. G. Day

Sir, Your leader of November 27 quite rightly expressed concern for the future of nursing in the National Health Service. The heading, however, in referring to "Doctors without nurses", overlooked the fact that it is the patients who are without nurses. You suggest that nursing will gain from degree entry requirements being the norm and from salaries receiving higher London weightings.

Comparisons can be drawn between the problems in nursing and similar difficulties being experienced in other health professions. Medical laboratory scientific officers (MLSOs) have for some years been subject to diminishing financial returns even though greater demands are put upon their scientific abilities. Although unseen and unsung, these backroom workers of the health service are at the forefront in the investigation of Aids, Legionnaire's disease, the current increase in food poisoning, cervical cytology, and numerous conditions which require dedication and technical sophistication.

In response to this situation the profession has moved towards graduate entry. Unfortunately, as nurses may also discover, this has not been matched by appropriate salaries. A new graduate will enter the profession with a maximum of £5,588, with no increment until State registration 12-18 months later. Outside the NHS that same person can command as much as 50 per cent more. Not surprisingly, many laboratories (not only those in the South-east) are experiencing great difficulty in recruiting and keeping suitable staff.

A recent study shows that laboratories had a turnover of 20-40 per cent during the last year. The Department of Health and Social Security offers great hope for an improved cytology service as a result of the computerising of records. Who will carry out the expected increase in workload when potential staff cannot afford to live on the salaries being offered?

Your editorial recommended that the salaries of nurses working in London must be given adequate weighting in order to retain their services in the capital. Whilst this is true, hospitals in a much wider area are experiencing just the same problems. Even as far from London as Oxford staff find that they cannot afford accommodation on NHS salaries. It is easy to blame the Government for their inability to keep NHS cash allocations in line with health care inflation, but those who shout loudly or write passionately for more financial resources to bring about these essential improvements in the nation's health care must be prepared to dig deeply into their pockets.

In this age of multiple car and television ownership the taxpayer must be prepared to foot the bill for the service which he gets from the NHS. This vital action must begin without delay. Training skilled staff takes several years. The NHS is risking running out of expertise.

Yours etc,
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Kidlington, Oxford.
November 29.

'Glasnost' and Jews

From Dr Martin Gilbert

Sir, In the discussion about the effectiveness of the current changes in Soviet practice, may I put forward a personal statistic. During two visits to the Soviet Union (in 1983 and 1985) I made the acquaintance of 36 Jews who had for several years — most of them for more than a decade — been struggling in vain for exit visas. Seven of them had even been imprisoned or sent to Siberian exile for their efforts.

As of today, 25 of those 36 Jews and their families have received their exist visas, all but four of them since the beginning of this year. These fortunate ones included four of the former prisoners.

Ten of the Jews whom I met have, however, still been refused permission to leave. Three of them — Leonid Volvovsky, of Gorky, Evgeni Lein and Alec Zelichenok, of Leningrad — are former prisoners who have completed their terms of punishment. Two more, Professor Alexander Lerner and Yuly Kosharovsky, both of Moscow, first applied to leave more than 16 years ago. Another, Alex Ioffe (whose wife, Rosa, had breakfast with Mrs Thatcher in Moscow this April) has been waiting to leave for 11 years.

No one should belittle the importance of the changes in Soviet policy which have, *inter alia*, enabled these particular 25 Jews, with their families, to leave. It is equally clear, however, that for the 11 others (in this particular statistical sample) who still await their exit visas, neither *glasnost* nor *perestroika* is as yet effective. What better time for these 11 to be told that they can leave than Human Rights Day, Thursday, December 10, three days after the start of the Reagan-Gorbachov summit.

Yours sincerely,
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Merton College, Oxford.
November 30.

Community service

From the Executive Director of Community Service Volunteers

Sir, Your correspondents (November 24, 25, 27) rightly draw attention to the benefits to young people of involvement in community service. Equally substantial is the potential help to hard-pressed social services: full-time volunteers nationwide enable physically handicapped people to live independent lives by giving 24-hour care in their own homes; others prevent crime through programmes for juvenile delinquents; still others eradicate illiteracy by tutoring young people.

If every young person gave a year to the community, we could soon clear and replace hurricane-damaged trees, relieve some overstretched hospital services, prevent frail elderly people dying alone, and reduce child abuse. Jasmine Beckford might be alive today if a volunteer had called daily.

What are now needed are pilot projects — for the inner city, for trees and in a rural district. It is not often that an investment can offer a double return, both to young people and to the community as a whole.

Yours sincerely,
ELISABETH HOODLESS,
Executive Director,
Community Service Volunteers,
237 Pentonville Road, N1.
November 27.

From Mr J. Watson Parton

Sir, Further to the letter (November 23) from Mr Raymond Little, the local probation service dealing with the Richmond division have co-operated with the River Thames Society in providing a group of youngsters on community service orders to help in the work of tree pruning and the clearance of scrubland and removal of rubbish on railway embankment land adjacent to Kew Bridge and the Thames towpath which has been adopted for an improvement project.

The service has encouraged these young people to take an interest in ecological and conservation works which it is hoped they will continue on completion of their orders.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WATSON PARTON
(Vice-Chairman, River Thames Society).
2 Ruskin Avenue,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey.
November 25.

Driver training

From Mrs Clare Simmonds

Sir, There must be many approved driving instructors (ADIs) who agree with Sir Colin Buchanan (November 11) and Mr Anthony Jacob (November 20) that there is a clear need for improvement in driver training in this country. But shouldn't we get the priorities right? What must surely come before better driver training is better instructor training.

There has been a register of ADIs since 1965, but the Department of Transport has never itself provided a standard course of training for them. Of some 30,000-plus currently registered ADIs many (like myself) have never been required to undergo any training at all, and are largely self-taught.

Others, who elected to take out a licence to instruct before attempting the qualifying examinations, will have had to take a core curriculum of 40 hours' training which must have been supervised by an ADI. The regrettable fact is, however, that any ADI, regardless of length of experience, is permitted to supervise this training.

These haphazard methods do not make for uniformity in instruction given to learners, who are liable to become disheartened and confused. Unfortunately, the Department of Transport, in order to avoid being seen to discriminate, refrains from giving its seal of approval to any of the available ADI courses.

Yours faithfully,
CLARE SIMMONDS,
Milvertone Driving School,
1 Fons George Road,
Taunton,
Somerset.
November 22.

Doctors with Aids

From Dr E. Rosemary Rue

Sir, The continued and increasingly emotional debate regarding doctors with Aids or HIV (Aids virus) has worrying implications. There is a danger not only of creating unreasonable alarm but also of diverting attention from the essential messages about Aids prevention.

There is no evidence that any doctor or other health care worker has ever infected a patient. The logical extension of recent demands to know the HIV status of doctors would be regular compulsory antibody testing of *all* health care workers and the exclusion from patient contact of all positive individuals.

Even this would not guarantee detection of all who might be infected. The same logic could be applied to many other occupations involving close or intimate personal attention to members of the public. The effects on the individuals concerned and the consequences for health and other services could be devastating, without there being any significant effect on the risk of spread of Aids.

The action advocated by the Chief Medical Officer (letter, November 16) concerning infected doctors and possibly some other health care staff, involving counselling and modification of working practices, where appropriate, is far more likely to be effective than panicky, largely irrelevant action. If Aids is to be controlled, attention must continue to be focused on the real risks to public health from unprotected sexual intercourse and from sharing needles among drug abusers.

Yours faithfully,
E. ROSEMARY RUE, President,
Faculty of Community Medicine,
Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom.
4 St Andrew's Place, NW1.

Union freedoms

From Dr Maurice B. Green

Sir, This morning I attended the committee stage of the Employment Bill. The minister repeatedly stressed that the cardinal principle which had motivated the Government in drafting this Bill is that majority decisions democratically arrived at are never binding on the individual who, in any situation of conflicting loyalties, must be free to decide what action to take entirely on the basis of self-interest as he sees it, without any fear of disciplinary consequences from any of the bodies to which he owes loyalty.

Applied generally, this is a recipe for anarchy. If my commitment to a political or religious belief, or just my self-interest, leads me to disregard my responsibility to obey the law, am I to be guaranteed freedom from criminal or civil proceedings? Can I ignore laws enacted by a democratically elected Government because I believe it in my interest to do so? Clearly the Government has no such intentions and this concept of freedom is to apply only to trade union members.

However, the Bill grants freedom to a union member to ignore the majority decision in a secret ballot without fear of disciplinary action, not only if the decision was to take industrial action but also if the decision was *not* to take industrial action or to return to work.

In an ill-conceived attempt to curb the authoritarianism of a few unions they have created not a "scab's" charter but an extremist's charter which can be used by every political extremist, fanatic or malcontent in a union to disrupt the overwhelmingly successful industrial relations between employers and unions which has been achieved in this country.

Yours etc,
MAURICE GREEN (Chairman, Economics Committee, Management and Professional Group),
1 Dinorben,
79/81 Woodcote Road,
Wallington, Surrey.
November 19.

Training ground in Middle East

From Sir Donald Maitland

Sir, That you thought it appropriate (Spectrum, November 27) to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies in Lebanon will have given wide satisfaction. It is a pity, however, that your correspondent chose to perpetuate the myths and to ignore some of the centre's notable achievements.

Between 1944 and 1978 some 2,000 students of 30 different nationalities attended courses at the centre. These included diplomats, businessmen, academics and others, not only from this country but also from Europe, the Commonwealth, the United States, and other friendly countries, many of whom now occupy posts of distinction.

The results of this sustained effort and the centre's pioneering work in the field of language instruction are evident today. Most of our ambassadors in the Arab world trained at Shemlan, as did many representatives of British companies operating in or trading with the Middle East. In the 1940s and 1950s British officials and businessmen who spoke Arabic and were versed in the history and traditions of the region were curiosities. Today they are commonplace.

No sooner was the centre established at Shemlan in 1947 than the nationalist fringe in Lebanon, which disliked foreigners and suspected those who learned their language, dubbed it "Bertram Thomas's spy school". Colonel Thomas then being the director.

In the 1950s this was picked up by Nasser's "Voice of the Arabs", which upgraded the centre to "spy college". Sophisticated Lebanese derived wry amusement from this charge and in 1961 they recognised the irony in the arrest by the British of a Soviet agent in a so-called British spy school, staffed by Arabs and sponsored by their own Ministry of Education.

As for the other myth, neither when I was director from 1956 to 1960 nor in the time of my successor, Sir John Wilton, who was at Shemlan when Philby fled to Moscow in 1963, did Philby visit the centre in any capacity whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD MAITLAND,
Murhill Farm House,
Limpley Stoke,
Bath,
Avon.
November 27.

Demjanjuk case

From the Ambassador of Israel

Sir, Count Tolstoy's assertions in his letter of November 18, relating to the disparity of treatment accorded to the defence and the prosecution in the trial of Demjanjuk and to the fairness of the court in Jerusalem, are without foundation.

Count Tolstoy describes himself as an expert on post-war forced repatriation. In his testimony at Demjanjuk's trial in Jerusalem he saw fit to testify under oath on subjects outside his field of expertise, such as the history of the Ukranian Division during the Second World War, as well as other matters. The cross-examination by the prosecution made clear the limits to Count Tolstoy's expertise and left him no choice but to accept the prosecution's premise that he was not an authority on these matters and consequently his testimony was speculative.

Count Tolstoy's views on the moral legitimacy of the prosecution of Nazi war criminals were a relevant subject for cross-examination because they enabled the court to evaluate the weight of his whole testimony, both in the field of his expertise and beyond. Israeli law generally follows the common law in matters of evidence, including the proper scope and objectives of cross-examination.

Yours faithfully,
YEHUDA AVNER,
Embassy of Israel,
2 Palace Green, W8.
December 1.

Swaying a jury

From Mr John Terry

Sir, The fact that it may be possible for a juror with a strong personality to sway the others in the face of the evidence ("How criminals 'fix' juries", November 17) seems a powerful reason for retaining the right of peremptory challenge.

A good defence counsel will always challenge someone they perceive as having a strong personality. This enables the jury to come to a verdict on what they have heard in court, not theories of a strong-minded juror put behind closed doors.

One only has to watch some juries return their verdicts to know that jury-room bullying goes on. Whilst some of the jurors are smug and self-satisfied the others are clearly distressed, sometimes in tears.

Although peremptory challenge is not the ideal answer, it at least allows a defendant the chance to exclude anyone they feel could be liable to try to sway a jury. It could be time that serious thought be given to some form of independent observers retiring with the jury to ensure fair play to everyone.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN TERRY,
HM Prison, Coldingley,
Bisley,
Woking, Surrey.

France and terrorism

From Mr James Rusbridger

Sir, As France was involved in terrorist activities by sending agents out to New Zealand to blow up the Greenpeace Warrior, it is hardly surprising that she is willing to do deals with other terrorists now. Birds of a feather.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES RUSBRIDGER,
7 Tremena Road,
St Austell,
Cornwall.
December 1.

Matching pair?

From Sir Robert Sanders

Sir, This afternoon I passed through the Tayside village of Crook of Devon and was amused to see a road sign on the outskirts which read "Crook of Devon" and attached to it a notice, "Twinned with the Thief of Baghdad". Doubtless your readers can produce similar appropriate pairings.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SANDERS,
Greystones Lodge,
Broich Terrace,
Crieff,
Perthshire.
November 26.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 3 1816

A riot started in Spafields, London, where a mob of 10,000 heard that a petition on behalf of the "distressed manufacturers and mechanics of London", presented by their spokesman, Hunt, to the Prince Regent, had been rejected on the grounds that "My family have never attended to Petitions but from Oxford and Cambridge and the City of London"

RIOTS IN THE METROPOLIS.

. . . The Inns of Court had their gates closed, and the shops in almost all the principal streets of the city were shut up. In consequence of the recommendation of the Lord Mayor, the respectable inhabitants of the several Wards pressed forward to be sworn in as special constables; and in Candlewick Ward alone more than half of the householders were enrolled in less than an hour. It is supposed that several thousands were upon the whole sworn in, and among others, the members of Lloyd's and the Stock Exchange.

Two of the ruffians who were seized yesterday, and taken up to the committee-room at Lloyd's, are named as Cooper and Cashman: the first a shoemaker; the second a sailor. They were both taken with arms in their possession; one of them had his pistol loaded. The sailor said, on being questioned by the City Marshal, that he had but one life to lose, and he did not care; he had no work, could get none, and could not starve. Being asked where his parish was, he said he was born at sea, and had no parish. Cooper would not answer any question put to him; he would only say his name was John Cooper.

A portion of the mob from Spafields, after indulging themselves for an hour or two, proceeded by the way of St Giles's, and down Catharine-street into the Strand, making pretty free wherever it suited their purpose. Holywell-street, St Clement's, seemed particularly to invite them. Their chief object of attack there, about seven o'clock, was the Dog tavern. They broke almost all the front windows, and carried off all the whole of the exposed larder. Next they assailed the premises of an elderly man, a Mr. Gilbert, who sells a variety of clothing articles. From his shop, after smashing a few panes, they took different articles of wearing apparel. Thence, in the same narrow street, they proceeded to a piece broker's, of the Israelitish name of Levi, where they helped themselves to whatever his second-hand assortment afforded them of great coats and undercoats, waistcoats, and other convenient articles of dress. On their march, they did not forget altogether their patriotic friends at the gin-shops, but took care to have a few drops of reform cordial gratis. There were strong symptoms of the disposition of the misled mob about Lambeth and the adjacent roads at four o'clock, but these manifestations of a spirit of rioting was happily checked by the march of a body of the military over Westminster-bridge into St George's-fields, which consisted of a detachment of foot-guards and of dragoons, followed by more foot-guards and artillerymen, all with bayonets fixed or swords drawn. The effect of this was to cause the would-be depredators to skulk into lanes and corners, and mutter the discontent which they were afraid openly to avow . . .

We must not forget to add, that the prime leader and cause of all these disturbances rode from Spafields to his tavern in Bouverie-street, with an air of insolent triumph, instead of that depression which would have become the man who had indirectly, at least, given rise to outrage, and perhaps to murder . . .

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Council of "A Celebration of British Food and Farming 1989", this morning chaired a Council Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness later presented the Ministry of Defence Apprentice Awards at the Ministry of Defence.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the King George's Fund for Sailors, this evening attended a 70th Anniversary reception in aid of the Fund at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, afterwards attended a fund-raising dinner at St James's Palace.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this morning visited King's College Drug Control Centre at the College's Chelsea Site, Manresa Road, London SW10.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers).

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon presided at the University's Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, later attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

The Princess Royal subsequently attended a dinner given by the Royal Ocean Racing Yacht Club at the Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal College of Music, of which Her Majesty is President, and presented Certificates to Fellows and Awards to Senior Students.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 2: The Prince of Wales arrived at Huddersfield Station in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, subsequently opened an Exhibition of Ashley Jackson's paintings at the Regional Headquarters of Bass Yorkshire, Lockwood Park, Huddersfield.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, later visited Dock Street Workshops, Dock Street, Leeds, the Jamaica Society, Chapletown Road, Leeds and afterwards the Ramgarhia Sikh Centre, Chapletown Road, Leeds.

His Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Rupert Fairfax, later returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, this evening gave a reception for the Trust in the State Apartments, Kensington Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Renaissance Theatre Company Ltd, afterwards attended a charity performance of the Company's production of *Twelfth Night* at the Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Sulivan Primary School, Peterborough Road, Fulham in support of the Government's Child Poisoning Awareness Campaign.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Knaresborough Castle and in the afternoon opened the Royal Pump Room Museum, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

December 2: Princess Alexandra was present this afternoon at the Christmas Tea Party held by the Diplomatic Service Wives Association and the Diplomatic Neighbours at Lancaster House, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Princess Margaret was unable to attend the St John Ambulance Association's ball at the Hotel Inter-Continental in London last night because of a sore throat. She will miss visits to Brixworth and Towcester, Northamptonshire, today.

King Olav V of Norway has accepted an invitation from the Queen to visit England to April 12 to 15.

Captain F.A. Collins, RN, is to be Keeper, HMS Belfast (Imperial War Museum) from February 25, 1988, in succession to Captain A.W. Wheeler, RN.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a meeting organized by the Keep Britain Tidy Group at the NatWest Conference Centre, City of London, at 9.50; as President of the World Wildlife Fund International will attend a luncheon and trustees meeting at 3 Finsbury Avenue, EC2, at 12.55; and will visit the Cabinet War Rooms, Horse Guards Road, SW1, at 5.45.

The Prince of Wales, President of Scottish Business in the Community, will visit Work-Wise, Templeton Business Centre, Easterhouse, Glasgow, at 10.10; the Greater Easterhouse Partnerships at 11.25; and attend the ScotBIC annual meeting at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow, at 2.20. Later, as Patron of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, he will attend a dinner at Glasgow City Chambers at 7.30 in aid of the Scottish Wildlife Appeal.

The Princess of Wales will distribute Christmas presents at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital at 10.30.

The Duke of York, President of the Photographers' Gallery, will open the "Mysterious Coincidences" exhibition at 8 Great Newport Street, WC2, at 6.00.

The Duchess of York will attend the eighth Westland Group Apprentice and Student dinner and presentation at Yeovil at 6.15.

Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project '87, will visit Oporto, Portugal, until Sunday, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Premio Infante D. Henrique (the Portuguese title for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme).

Princess Margaret will open the new factory of Haddonstone at Brixworth, Northamptonshire, at noon; and will attend a service of thanksgiving and rededication at the Church of St Lawrence, Towcester, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, will attend a reception at the Royal Academy of Arts at 7.00 to launch the London committee of the trust.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Association for All Speech Impaired Children (AFASIC), will present equipment to the Secondary Language Unit at Lampton Road, Hounslow, at 2.30; and, as Patron of the Royal Surgical Aid Society, will attend a reception at Fishmongers' Hall at 6.00.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Business and Technician Education Council, will present the awards at the Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham, at 2.10; as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England will attend a reception at Warwickshire Masonic Temple at 4.45; and, as president, will attend the Scout Association Gang Show at the Hippodrome Theatre at 7.20.

Princess Alexandra, Chancellor of Lancaster University, will preside at a congregation for the conferment of higher and honorary degrees at 12.45; and will attend a silver jubilee concert arranged by the Rochdale Youth Festival of Music and Speech at the Champness Hall, Rochdale, at 6.50.

Prince Michael of Kent, as president, will attend the annual meeting of the Carriage Driving Supporters Club at the RAC at 2.00.

Receptions

King George's Fund for Sailors

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the King George's Fund for Sailors, last night attended a seventieth anniversary reception in aid of the fund at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. Mrs Norman King presided.

University College London

Sir James Lighthill, Provost of University College London, and Lady Lighthill were hosts at a reception held at the college yesterday to mark the new library developments in Hebrew and Jewish studies.

Science report

Running checks on the water

By Andrew Wiseman

Millions of people throughout Western Europe and other industrialized countries expect and receive potable water at the turn of a tap.

Yet before it reaches kitchen or bathroom, it travels long distances underground where it is affected by many physical, chemical and microbial interactions.

German scientists, worried about the possible pollution of ground water, have joined in a "priority research programme" to establish whether geochemical changes in the soil and rock through which water flows, impair its quality. In the Federal Republic and Britain, ground water accounts for about three-quarters of all the water used.

This work, sponsored by the German Research Association, involves chemists, geophysicists, hydro-geologists and microbiologists. According to Professor Georg Matthess, of Kiel University, they are engaged "in conducting the first ever systematic research" into the different ecological areas of the closed system of water circulation.

By analysing different chemical and metal derivatives in the water, and recording the number and behaviour of various groups of geochemically significant micro-organisms, they hope to build models to study how materials circulate in the underground sections of the water cycle.

Some are already helping to predict accurately the potential effects of nitrate from agricultural fertilizers.

It was found that in our climate the greatest changes in the composition of the water occured in the soil. Almost immediately after it came into contact with the earth, it was discoloured by organic substances in the humous layer.

As it seeped deeper into the soil, it turned clearer: even one metre below the surface the water content of dissolved organic carbon and other constituent substances was the same as that found in ground water.

At greater depths, the water's make-up changed only if it passed through areas of carbonate, sulphate and salt

Microbiologists were especially anxious to study the microflora in the path of the water.

Because various groups of organisms could cohabit in different hydro-geological and geochemical environments, it was important to discover their influence on specific geochemical changes and how the sulphur, iron, manganese, phosphor and nitrogen cycles affected water as it flowed through sections starved of nutrients.



A pilot took off in a microlight aircraft yesterday on the first stage of a 12,000 mile trip to Australia.

Mr Brian Milton, aged 45, a broadcaster from Bristol, gave his wife Fiona a goodbye kiss (right) before setting off from Royal Victoria Dock in east London. The first leg in his single-engined 440cc aircraft will take him to Lyons in France.

He is out to recreate the 28-day flight from London to Port Darwin in 1919 by Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith. From Darwin he will fly across country to Sydney to join the country's bicentennial celebrations.

(Photographs: Tim Bishop)

Royal College of Physicians

The following have been elected fellows of the Royal College of Physicians:

I.D. Fraser, director of South West Regional Blood Transfusion Service, Bristol; W. Wagstaff, of Dronfield, Sheffield; F.W. Alexander, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne; D.J.G. Bain, professor of primary medical care, Southampton University; J.T.S.Hock, of Singapore; H.H. Abu-Aisha, the department of medicine, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The following has been elected a member:

D.H.K. Smith, consultant radiologist, Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Crompton, inventor of the spinning mule, Firwood, Lancashire, 1753; Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the penny post, Kidderminster, 1795; Frederick Leighton, Baron Leighton, president of the Royal Academy 1878-96, Scarborough, 1830; Joseph Conrad, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; Anton von Webern, composer, Vienna, 1883; Rajendra Prasad, first president of the Republic of India, 1950-63, Zeradei, Bihar, 1884.

DEATHS: Francis Xavier, missionary, Shang-ch'uan, 1552; Robert Louis Stevenson, Samoa, 1894; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ Scientist, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1910; Pierre Renoir, Cagnes, France, 1919; Dame Mary Gilmore, poet, 1962.

Luncheons

Lord Foot

Lord Foot, in conjnction with Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, gave a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday for members of the Solicitors' All Party Parliamentary Group. Among those present were:

Viscount Brentford, Lord Carnock, Lord Chelmer, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Coleraine, Lord Fletcher, Lord Hatching, Baroness Hooper, Lord Marshal of Leeds, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Mishcon, Lord Rathcreedan, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Mr Richard Caskell.

Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers

Mr James Shaw, President of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 3 Cadogan Gate, SW1, for members of the Industrial Agents Society.

Islington Health Authority

Mrs Cicely Yudkin was present at the luncheon given by Islington Health Authority on November 22 for the Simon Yudkin Memorial Trust.

Dinners

Salmon and Trout Association

Lord Home of the Hirsel, President of the Salmon and Trout Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. The principal guests were Mr John Selwyn Gummer, MP, and Mrs Gummer, Mr Max Hastings, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.C. Inglis and the Clerk of the Fishmongers' Company.

City Livery Club

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the City Livery Club held last night at Guildhall. Mr John G.M. Hart, president, accompanied by Mrs Hart, presided. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Justice Leonard, Mr Cliff Morgan, Mr Alderman Francis Williams and the Rev Dr Hugh Fearn. Among others present were:

The Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Sir Ralph Perring, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Sir Murray Fox, Major-General A P W MacLellan, the Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London and the President of the United Wards Club.

High Court Journalists' Association

Mr David McMillan, Chairman of the High Court Journalists' Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Law Society's Hall. Viscount Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, and Mr Peter Coni, QC, were the principal speakers. Others present included:

Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Justice Purchas, Mr Justice Mars-Jones, Mr Justice Sheen, Mr Justice Eastham, Mrs Justice Booth, Mr Justice Ewbank, Mr Justice Knox, Judge Fordham and Mr Derek Bradbeer.

International Science Policy Foundation

Dr Maurice Goldsmith, Director of the International Science Policy Foundation, presided at a dinner held last night at the Royal Commonwealth Society in honour of Professor Sir David Phillips, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, who had earlier delivered the annual foundation lecture. Mr John Fairclough, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, and Professor George Teeling-Smith, Director of the Office of Health Economics, also spoke at the dinner.

General Council of British Shipping

The president, Mr Kerry St Johnston, presided at the annual dinner of the General Council of British Shipping held at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane, London, last night. The principal guest was Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, who replied to the president's toast to Her Majesty's Ministers. Mr James Davis responded to a toast to the guests.

Investor Relations Society

The annual dinner of the Investor Relations Society was held last night at Butchers' Hall, London. The chairman of the society, Mr Peter Smith, presided and the principal guest was Mr Iain Vallance, Chairman of British Telecommunications plc.

Marketing Group of Great Britain

Mrs Jean Denton presided at the dinner held last night at the Dorchester Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Reg Ward, Chief Executive of London Docklands Development Corporation.

Mount House School, Tavistock

The Old Boys' Association of Mount House School, Tavistock, held a London annual dinner at the Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, on November 27. Mr R.F. Boyd Campbell presided.

Worth Society

A dinner for Old Worth Boys of the years 1962-1972 was held on Wednesday, November 18, at the East India, Devonshire, Sports and Public Schools Club, St James Square. The chairman, Mr Peter Gilbert, presided. The Abbot of Worth was represented by the Prior, Dom Bernard Moss. The guest of honour, Dom Dominic Gaisford (headmaster 1958-76), was unable to attend. The Headmaster, Dom Stephen Ortiger, and members of past and present staff attended.

Alexandra Rose Day Christmas Dance

The Alexandra Rose Day Christmas Dance for young people will be held on Monday, December 21, at the Ramada Inn London West. Tickets, at £18 each, are available from Alexandra Rose Day, 1 Castelnau, SW13 9RP. Telephone 748 4824.

Plastics and Rubber Institute

Mr N.H. Godfrey, chairman, presided at the annual dinner of the Plastics and Rubber Institute held at the Churchill Hotel, London, on December 1, 1987. Mr W.D.T. Tapley, president, presented the Outstanding Service Award to Dr E.M. Hunt. The principal guests were:

The Acting High Commissioner for Singapore, Mr B.G.C. Becker (Master of the Horners' Company), Dr D.V. Atterton (President of the Institute of Metals), Mr E.M. Briscoe (Institute of Ceramics), Mr D. Beynon (President of the British Plastics Federation), Mr G.C. Cullan (Director of the British Rubber Manufacturing Association) and Mr J. Shearman (Chief Executive of the Plastics Processing Industry Training Board).

Memorial services

Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev M.J. Stokes officiated. Mr John Rashleigh Belcher and Dr Walter Somerville read the lessons and Sir Reginald Murley gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Patrick Holmes Sellors (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs C J Treadwell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Jonathan Holmes Sellors, Mr Richard Holmes Sellors and Miss Jane Holmes Sellors (grandchildren), Mr Richard Clayton (brother-in-law), Miss Jilla Pike, Miss Kate McLean.

Lord and Lady Perrin, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir Keith and Lady Ross, Sir Edward Tuckwell, Sir Douglas and Lady Ranger, Sir Brian Windeyer, Lady Murley, Sir Geoffrey Bateman, Sir Gordon Robson, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme (Royal College of Physicians), Dame Simone Prendergast, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Sir Harry Moore (also representing the British Heart Foundation), Sir James Cameron, Dame Josephine Barnes (president, Royal Medical Benevolent Fund) with Mr Peter G Gordon-Smith (secretary) and Dr Philip Hallewell, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Slaney, Sir John Stallworthy, Lady Parkes.

Mr Ian Todd (president, Royal College of Surgeons) and Mrs Todd with Mr Ronald Johnson-Gilbert (secretary) and Mrs Johnson-Gilbert, Mr P Yeoman (representing the council), Mr Gordon Seward (dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery) and Dr Ian Verney (representing the council, Faculty of Anaesthetists); Mr R A E Magee (president, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) and Mrs Magee, Mr W W Slack (dean, Middlesex Hospital Medical School), Dr C D Brook (Middlesex Hospital), Mr H H Langston (vice-president, British Medical Association) with Dr J Havard (secretary), Dr Jane Somerville (National Heart Hospital), Mr John Plant (National Chest Hospital), Mr J Hopewell and Dr Rosemary Radley, Smith (Harefield Hospital), Dr J Crown (Bloomsbury Health Authority) Mr John Bootes (Master, Barbers' Company).

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Mr J. Foulston

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr John Foulston was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Canon Geoffrey Brown officiated. Miss Nicola Foulston, daughter, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr John Tompkins, Group Chief Executive of Atlantic Computers, read the lesson. Mr Brian Cocks, Chief Executive of the Historic Sports Car Club, gave an address.

Birthdays today

Mr Leslie Ames, cricketer, 82; Mr Walter Anderson, trades unionist, 77; Mr Trevor Bailey, cricketer, 64; Professor I. Butterworth, principal, Queen Mary College, 57; Mr Charles Craig, tenor, 67; Mr Mike Gibson, rugby player, 45; M Jean-Luc Goddard, film director, 57; Sir William Harpham, diplomat, 81; Professor G.S. Kirk, former professor of Greek, 66; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, theatrical designer, 73; Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, 79; the Rev Professor C.F.D. Moule, theologian, 79; Mr Paul Nicholas, singer and actor, 42; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, artist, 79; Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, 72; Mr Andy Williams, singer, 57.

Age and memory volunteers

Researchers in the Age and Memory Research Unit at Manchester University have had an overwhelming response from volunteers willing to undertake tests to discover how and why memory and cognitive ability changes with age.

Prospective volunteers have contacted the university from all over Britain but last night Professor Pat Rabbitt asked that only those in the 50 plus age group living near to Newcastle and Manchester Universities should offer their services. Research unit numbers are: 091-261-9422 (Newcastle) and 061-273-8624 (Manchester).

Service dinner

Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry

Colonel P.T.S. Bowlby presided at the annual officers dinner of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Judge retires

Judge Pitchford has retired from the circuit bench on the Wales and Chester circuit.

OBITUARY

MR CHARLES KEYSER

Traditional merchant banking

Mr Charles Keyser, a merchant banker of the old school in the days long before the City's "Big Bang," died on November 15. He was 73.

He was born on February 19, 1914, grandson of the founder of the family banking house of A. Keyser & Co. Educated at Repton, he joined the bank in 1933, starting in the coupon department at a salary of £50 a year.

Still in his early twenties, he became a partner, doing the money market round in the uniform of top hat with carried umbrella.

As a Territorial he was in the war from the start in 1939, soon transferring to the Reconnaissance Corps and ending as a major. He served with the 8th Army on the Divisional Staff and was mentioned in despatches. He had in his command members of the Gurkha and the London Irish regiments.

After the war he returned to the bank, which merged in the early 1960s to become Keyser Ullmann, of which he became chairman.

But it was still one of the smaller merchant banks, and by the late 1960s the City was changing. Keyser retired in 1970, when Sir Edward du Cann took over. (Under the du Cann chairmanship the company was then expanded, but went through dramatically stormy times after the property market crash in 1974.)

Charles Keyser had many charitable interests after his departure from the City. He was joint chairman of the Stepney Boys' Club and for many years honorary secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board, a position previously held by his father.

He served on the council of the West London Synagogue, and worked actively for the Sussex Housing Association for the Aged. He was also a supporter of conservationist and wild life charities.

Keyser was a private man with a warm personality. He was a keen philatelist.

His wife, Marion, whom he married in 1947, survives him with their son and two daughters.

MR ARTHUR DEAN

Mr Arthur Dean, the American lawyer-diplomatist, who has died aged 89, was one of the surviving links with the far-off Cold War era when the United States was still preoccupied with restoring Chiang Kai-shek to power in China and when the name that dominated international diplomacy was John Foster Dulles, architect of the "Fortress America" foreign policy.

Dean was a colleague of Dulles in his New York law firm. When Dulles became Secretary of State he brought in Dean as negotiator in the long drawn-out bargaining to reach a settlement after the Korean War in 1953. It was a task that involved not only standing up to the Communists but winning the confidence of the 16 allies who had been involved in the military operation.

He was a negotiator who understood the value of playing to the gallery, and of a well-timed walk-out, or threat to walk out. He may have lacked the veneer of the traditional diplomatist — he looked more like a farmer, in his rumpled clothes, somebody said — but his skill was evident.

It came from years of successful international law practice, to which he added conviction of the rightness of the American cause. His law practice had covered complex operations concerned with international financing, particularly of public utilities.

In 1958 and in 1960 Dean led the United States negotiating team at Geneva talks on international maritime boundaries. His expertise there was enhanced by his experience as an instructor in navigation with the US Coast Guard during the Second World War.

Other missions for his Government included bargaining on a nuclear test ban in 1961.

DR BRAND BLANSHARD

Dr Brand Blanshard, who died on November 19, at the age of 95, was, perhaps, the most stalwart reactionary philosopher to have emerged in modern America.

He was widely known for his vigorous defence of reason against the scepticism and empiricism which had dominated British and American philosophy since the logical atomism of Russell.

At the end of the First World War, after graduating from the University of Michigan and Columbia, Blanshard spent two years at Oxford. There he came under the influence of Joachim — the last of the Oxford idealists — and in consequence turned to the metaphysical systems of Bradley, Bosanquet and Royce, in order to discover rational foundations for human knowledge.

His first major work — *The Nature of Thought*, published nearly half-a-century ago, in 1939 — expounds a rational psychology, and offers an idealist alternative to the logical positivism which was then so fashionable among English-speaking philosophers.

Blanshard's defence of synthetic *a priori* knowledge remains a paradigm of its kind, while his striking version of the "coherent theory of truth", even if it has few followers, has provided a challenge to many subsequent writers.

Reason, according to Blanshard, gives us knowledge of necessary connections; such connections not only exist in the actual world, but also compose its fundamental structure. For a long time such ideas were laughed out of court as quaint survivals of a discredited world view; lately, however, philosophers have come to regard with respect a theory which corresponds more closely to the background assumptions of physical science than do the superficially plausible, but ultimately indefensible, beliefs of the logical positivists.

On retirement from Yale in 1961, where he had taught for sixteen years, Blanshard began work on a three-volume sequel to *The Nature of Thought*. *Reason and Goodness* offers an idealist's view of morals, defending their objectivity and authority against the sceptical attacks of linguistic analysis.

Reason and Analysis, his most polemical work, endeavours to destroy linguistic analysis altogether, and to summon its followers back to the fold of metaphysics.

Finally, *Reason and Belief* argues for a restoration of religious thinking, modified by the demands of reason, to the defence of which faculty Blanshard had devoted his entire active life.

Politically, he was a Liberal; and, together with his twin brother, Paul (himself an author), devoted much energy to upholding liberal academic values. He even intervened in the debate over McCarthyism, denouncing the activities of the senator from Alabama as more un-American than the activities of those whom he criticised.

Blanshard's first wife, Frances, whom he married in 1918, died in 1966. His second wife, Roberta, whom he married three years later, survives him. There were no children.

DR D. J. WATSON

Dr D. J. (Don) Watson, CBE, plant physiologist, died on November 25. He was 81.

The concept of leaf area index to define the area of green leaf of a crop per unit area of land, which he introduced in 1947, stimulated a quantitative approach to the study of the growth of crops in the field. This provided a sound basis for the rapid progress in the breeding of new varieties of crops, especially the cereals of the temperate zone.

Watson joined the staff of Rothamsted Experimental Station from Cambridge in 1930. He became head of the botany department in 1948, and guided it through a period of rapid expansion.

He was chairman of the committee responsible for the field experiments, including those started soon after the founding of the station in 1943. He was appointed deputy director in 1968, and retired in 1971.

Watson was a friendly, unassuming man who ably upheld the Rothamsted tradition of work bridging the gap between fundamental and applied research. With his wife, Marion, herself a distinguished plant pathologist, and who survives him, he travelled widely and made friends in many countries.

GWENDOLYN MacEWEN

Gwendolyn MacEwen, Canadian poetess, died in Toronto on November 30. She was 46. Last year, she was writer-in-residence at Toronto University.

She won the Governor-General's Award in 1969 for a book of poems entitled *The Shadow-Maker*. Her other works include *Selah, The Armies of the Moon, Magic Animals, Earthlight, Afterworlds* and *Dragon Sandwiches* — the last a collection of poetry for children.

Yet her writing afforded her only slender means, and the day before her death she had to borrow from a friend to pay an unexpected bill.

Miss MacEwen's writing was felt to exude "passion and mysticism" while she herself was said to be a woman of "spiritual generosity".

She was married, briefly, to another Canadian poet, Milton Acorn. Her second marriage, in 1971, was to the Greek singer Nikos Tsingos. That lasted for six years.



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Mr I.D. Gollifer and Dr J.H.S. Dean

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Gollifer, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Janet, daughter of Dr R.M. and Dr S.M. Dean, of Edinburgh.

Mr R.R. Hewins and Miss S.J. Whitlock

The engagement is announced between Ralph Rex, son of Mr Peter Hewins and of Mrs Audrey Hewins, of Godalming, Surrey, and Sara Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Whitlock, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr N.J.H. Lawson and Miss G.M. Duff

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr J. Lawson, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs D. Cladakis, of Bournemouth, and Georgina, only daughter of the late Peter John Duff and of Mrs P. Duff, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr P.C. Lindsay and Miss L.S. Gallo

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs David F.M. Lindsay, of Little Bookham, Surrey, and Linda, daughter of Mrs L. Gallo, of Sacramento, California.

Mr D. Nickson and Miss S.J. Siddons

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of the late Frederick Nickson and of Mrs Vera Nickson, of Quarndon, Derbyshire, and Suzanne Jane, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs C.B. Siddons, of Nottingham.

Mr P.J. Rickenberg and Miss L.C. Harris

The engagement is announced between Peter Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Rickenberg, of Richmond, Surrey, and Lisa Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Harris, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr E.S. Pigott and Miss J.D. Howie

The engagement is announced between Edward S. Pigott, of Richmond, Surrey, and Jacqueline D. Howie, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr J.M. Soar and Miss S.J.S. Lund

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Soar, of Attenborough, Nottinghamshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Lund, of Woodstock, Oxford.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
2 Timothy 2:5

BIRTHS

APPLEGATE - On November 18th, to Fiona (née Charlesworth) and Charles, a daughter, Georgiana Clarita Alice, a sister for Francesca.

BENTLEY - On November 27th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Rosalind and Nicholas, a brother for Giles and Toby.

BROWRIGG-HOPWOOD On November 24th, to Melita and John a son Jethro, a brother for Eleanor at The Reale Hospital.

CORAL - On November 28th 1987, to Vicky (née Jacob) and Roger, at St. Mary's, Paddington, a daughter, Helen Anne.

DAWSON - On November 14th, at the Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Melanie and Stephen, a son, Danny James.

DENNISS - On November 26th, to Angela (née Raisman) and John, a son, Michael, a brother for Frances and Charlotte.

DEWHURST - On November 30th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Charlotte (née Hudson) and David, a daughter, Emma Charlotte.

DONALDSON - On November 28th 1987, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Alison (née Byrne) and Martin, a son, Matthew, a brother for Chloe.

HUTTON - On November 8th, to Jim and Charity Charity, (née Hamilton), a son, Patrick, a brother for Tara.

KING - On November 29th, to Lucy (née Morton) and Andrew, a daughter, Frances.

LEVY - On December 1st 1987, to Caroline (née Moss) and David, a daughter Chloe Joanna.

MERTENS - On November 12th, 1987, to Sarah, (née Plumpton) and Steve, a daughter, Tanya Clare.

ROBERTS - On November 30th 1987 to Emma (née Glicl) and Richard, a son.

VALENTINE - On December 2nd, at Tropea, Italy, to Helen (née Putterill) and Pino, a daughter, Rosamaria (Rosie).

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

TAYLOR-PIERCE - On 30th November, 1937 at St. Andrews Church, Babington, Harry Allen of Fleetwood to Jane of Port Sunlight.

DEATHS

BAKER - On November 29th 1987, peacefully at his home, Herbert Rawnsley Barr V.M.H., dearly loved husband of Marion. Funeral Service at St. Thomas's Church, Groombridge, on Thursday December 3rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society or Royal Gardener's Orphanage Fund, Bridge House, 139 Kingstone Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7NT.

BATEMAN - On December 1st, peacefully, at her home in West Wells, Neston, Frena, aged 83 years, Northside of Kelston, Widow of Peter Bateman, and mother of Richard and Lesley. Enquiries to H. Merrett, Funeral Director, Tel: 0249 713134.

BELL - On Friday November 27th, peacefully in her sleep at her home in West Mersea, Anne Margaret, aged 84 years, wife of the late Colonel Alan Bell, dear mother of Susan and Colin, and dear grandmother of Alan and Patricia. Funeral Service at Colchester Crematorium, Tuesday December 8th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired for R.N.L.B., c/o of J. K. May Funeral Service, 8 Mill Road, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex.

BLOIS - On November 29th, in Ireland, Margaret Lucia (Peggy). Widow of the late Sir Gervase Blois, Bart. Funeral at Ballyhooly Church, on December 8th. Flowers to O'Connor & Sons, Cobourg Street, Cork.

CARTER - On November 28th, suddenly at his home, Low Bank, Embsay, Skipton, Cyril (Nikki) most dearly loved brother of Betty and Maureen and of the late Joyce and Joan. Funeral service at Embsay parish church Friday December 4th at 1pm. Followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations in memory of Mr Carter, if desired, will be received at the church for the Church of England Childrens society. Enquiries to W. Bowers Funeral Directors Harrogate Tel 0423770258.

CLARKE - On Saturday November 28th, Gordon Richard of Buckhurst Grove, Wokingham, peacefully, at St Thomas's Hospital after a short illness, beloved husband and father. Funeral Service to take place on Friday December 4th at Baptist Church, Milton Rd. Wokingham at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Cancer Research.

CROMPTON - On November 26th 1987, at the Clarence Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, Kathleen, beloved wife of the late Reginald H. Crompton. Service and cremation at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Monday 7th December at 12 noon. Donations in lieu of flowers, to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Rd. Tunbridge Wells, on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

CROSS - On November 28th, aged 87 Stephanie, of Lawn Cottage, Kelvedon. Beloved wife for 60 years of Harry, mother of Jennifer, grandmother of Russell and Louise. Funeral private. All friends welcomed at a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 12th December 2.30 pm at Kelvedon Parish Church. No flowers please but donations in her memory to Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, 14 Abbingdon Road, London, W8 6AS.

DADABHOY - On December 1st, peacefully at her home in Nagpur, India, Frenée, daughter of the late Sir Manekji and Lady Dadabhoy, sister of Minnie, Lady Kharegal, beloved aunt of Bubbles Ghandhi. "Light of step and heart was she".

DREW - On November 28th, Elsie, beloved wife of the late Eric, much loved mother of Patricia and Diana and grand-mother to James and Charles. Service at 3.00pm at Portchester Crematorium on Tuesday 8th December.

DURRELL - On December 1st, peacefully in West Norwich Hospital, Harry, aged 85, dear husband of Vera, loving father of Susan and Colin. Private funeral service. No flowers by request

FAWCETT - On November 30th 1987, peacefully at his home in Leicester, Ernest Fawcett, aged 75 years. Formerly of Great Missenden, Bucks. The dearly beloved husband of Dorothea, dear father of Patricia and Pete and a loving grandfather. Further enquires to Gimms & Cutteridge Ltd. Funeral Directors of Leicester. Tel: 0533 516117.

FORSTER - On November 28th, 1987, peacefully at his home at All Saints, Reverend Cannon Charles Alfred Forster MA. O.B.E. widower of Margaret, dearest father of Diana and Ian Milligan and fond grand-father of Keith and Philip. Funeral Service at All Saints Parish Church near Axminster on Tuesday 8th December at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for C.M.S. and the Bible Society, c/o W.G. Potter & Son, 1 West Street, Axminster, Devon Tel: 0297 32063.

GRAHAM - On November 30th 1987, in hospital, Malcolm Auld (formerly Vice-Master of Russell School, Fleetwood), of 5 Carruth Drive, Kilmacolm. Youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs W.E.A. Graham. Service in the Old Kirk, Kilmacolm, on Monday 7th December at 10.30am. Cremation thereafter private, family flowers only.

GRAHAM - On December 1st 1987, Dr. James Gibson Graham, husband of Elsie, father of Isobel and Ronald. Private Cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at Kilearn Kirk. Details will be announced.

LA FONTAINE - On December 1st, Ronald John beloved husband and father of Perry, Christopher, Sarah, and David. Peacefully in his sleep aged 66 years. By special request no Floral service

MACFARLANE - On December 1st, in his sleep, after a long struggle, William Keith (Bill). Service at South Baddesley Church, nr Lymington, on Friday December 4th, at 11am. No flowers please, donations to Macmillan Unit, Christchurch, maybe sent to Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington. Tel. 0590 72080.

MUSPRATT - On November 30th, at Woodbridge, Suffolk, after an illness borne with great courage, Rosemary Anne of Alresford, Hants. Beloved wife of David, dearly loved mother of Jonathan and Rosalind, and much loved daughter of Elaine and the late Colonel Eric Rast, and adored sister of John and Sarah. Funeral at St. Botolph Church, Burgh, Nr Woodbridge at 2.00pm on December 8th. Family flowers only; donations if desired to Maria Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Sq, London SW1X. A memorial service in Alresford will be announced later.

ORR - On November 30th, R. C. Bruce, KPM, recently of Steeple Ashton at Chacombe house.

PATTESON - On December 1st, peacefully, Mabel, aged 105, formerly of Kingsfield Av, North Harrow, wife of the late E.H. Pattison and mother of Gibson and Fenwick. Enquiries to J.A. Massey, 18 Lowlands Rd. Harrow.

PEACOCK - On November 27th, at home, Roger Beauchamp, aged 77, dear husband of Audrey, father of Diana Crawforth, Catherine Stevenson, Jonathan Peacock and Lesley Price. Private cremation. Memorial service at Lamton Parish Church, near Bicester on Saturday December 12th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ would be appreciated.

PIKE - On November 30th, 1987 in Brighton, Henry, adored husband of Mary and father of Roger and Christopher.

POLIGNAC - On November 28th, Gladys (née Dupuy), beloved wife of Prince Guy de Polignac. Greatly mourned by all her family. Funeral Mass to be held at St. Francis Xavier, 12 Place Président Mithouard, Paris 7th, on Friday 4th December at 11.00 am.

SAVORY - On November 30th, Christopher husband of the late Daphne father of John, Robert and Tam. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Vengeo, Hertford, Wednesday the 9th December at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations to the Friends of Saint Leonards Church c/o of Rev. Wenle, Bengeo Rectory, Hertford.

SIQUEIRA - On November 28th 1987, Peter James Littlejohns suddenly at home, most dearly loved husband of Mary, and father of James and Jane and brother of Peggy and Phyl, greatly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Wilmslow Parish Church on Monday 7th December at 1.00pm. Friends meet at church. Family flowers only. Donations to The Wilmington Hospital Intensive Care Unit Appeal Fund, care of Dr. J.D Edwards, ICU, Wilmington Hospital, Manchester M20 8LR. All enquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd. Telephone: Wilmslow (0625) 525053

SQUIRE - On November 27th, Lt Col Edward Keith aged 95 of Rock, North Cornwall, late 45th Rattray's Sikhs, and formerly the Lancashire Fusiliers. Husband of Marguerite. Funeral private, no letters and family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to The Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, St Austell Cornwall.

TAYLOR - On November 29th 1987, at his local hospital, Dr W.H.H. (Dr Fred), M.B., B.S., loved by many, especially with pride by his wife Dawn and his children Giles, Sally and Victoria, Stephanie and Freddie. Cremation will take place privately, and there will be no memorial service at his request. Trees will be planted in his memory by his family. Donations in thanksgiving for his life and work would be valued by The Oswestry and District Hospital, donations may be sent to: The Hospital Manager, Oswestry and District Hospital, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry.

THOMAS - On November 27th, peacefully at home, Katherine Rachel Thomas (née Gorst). Private cremation. Memorial Service will take place on Thursday 17th December, 11.30 am, at Castle Combe Church, Wiltshire. No flowers. Donations, if desired, may be sent to: The Sue Rider Foundation, R.S.P.C.A., or Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WALTON - On November 27th, suddenly, John, of Empingham Rutland, aged 72 years. Much loved husband of Pat and father of Diane, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret and Peter, and adored grandad of Nicholas, Kathryn and Elise. Private family cremation. Memorial Service at Oakham School Chapel to be announced in the New Year.

WOODS - On November 29th, Gerard Ashton aged 68 years, of West Hill, Ottery- St-Mary, Devon, beloved husband of the late Joyce Woods and dear dad of Paul and the late Roger. Grandad of Emily and dear friend and companion of Betty Lethaby. Funeral Service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium, on Friday 4th December at 11.00am. No flowers please, but donations in lieu, if desired, to the King George's Fund for Sailors c/o E. Hansford & Son, London Rd, Wilmpole, Exeter.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVANS - The Memorial Service for Dr John Stephen Evans, of Eltham and Halstead, will take place at Christ Church, High Street, Elmam, SE9 on December 8th at 12.45.

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KAPRALIK - Mrs Camilla, died the 3/12/1978. Unforgotten by Charles and Lucie.

Latest wills

The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, a first cousin of the Queen and a nephew of the Queen Mother, estate valued at £4,825,622 gross. A net figure is not available yet.

Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Conservative MP for Lichfield and Tamworth 1970-74 and formerly director of the Royal Armoured Corps at the Ministry of Defence, left estate valued at £630,771 net.

Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, of Hampstead, north-west London, a former chairman of the Family Law, Probate and Bar Association, left estate valued at £1,255,195 net.

Mr Maurice Henry Easy, of Wadebridge, Cornwall, a former director of the Decca Radar Company, left estate valued at £473,662 net.

Mr Oliphant James Phillipson, of Lymington, Hampshire, retired company director, left estate valued at £924,227 net.

Canon Reginald Edward Cant, Chancellor of York Minister 1957-81, left estate valued at £205,336 net.

Evelyne Mary Hastings-Ord, of Haslemere, Surrey, left estate valued at £972,155 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

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Gray, Mrs Violet Harris, of Hindhead, Surrey..... £540,845

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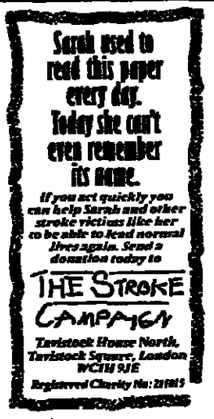
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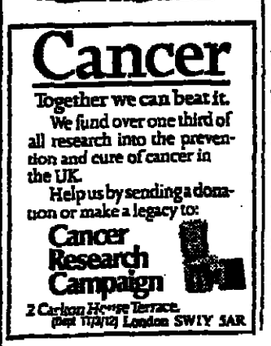
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THE ARTS

Mug's game

In *Two Men in a Marsh* (Channel 4) "St. Mug", stick in the mud (alas now a practical necessity rather than a metaphorical support for his views on the permissive society), head covered with an unlikely descendant of those peaked caps that stormed the Winter Palace, stood with his companion, Sydney Carter, surveying a sad trinity of crumbling remains of a church called Hope. Once more that Muggeridge mouth stretched its sinews, drew back the flesh in clown-like distortion as though the aperture could never be made big enough to give birth to the sound and out came a quiet persistent chuckle.

TELEVISION

The shrunken, slight frame has for so long supported a noise so strong, so richly rounded that it seemed to form opinion even before it completed a word. Yet this gentle chuckle shook the whole edifice of Muggeridge as though in muffled imitation of a pneumatic drill in some geriatric game of charades.

How nice it was to see him again – which is just as well as this doddery pilgrim's progress through the churches of Romney Marsh was rather a lame excuse to show us an old friend. This time he brought a new one – the lofty, modestly evangelical Mr Carter, outspoken, but not outtalked even by such a jawer of pie-jaw as Mug. Alas, we have not had so much time to learn to love Mr Carter's little eccentricities. One of them was to write a little religious ditty about dancing which he performed.

Muggeridge listens apparently without even turning off his hearing aid – a new wheeze which cuts himself off from the world more effectively than his renouncement, so frequently televised, of television. There were some old favourites. That eternity of times when he has eagerly embraced the prospect of his imminent demise was added to yet again, witnessed by a cynical William Deedes who entertained us, as has become his custom on television, by reading out loud.

Andrew Hislop

Adolescent Payne

CINEMA

Wish You Were Here (15)
Odeon Haymarket

Housekeeping (PG)
Renoir Bloomsbury, Chelsea Cinema

My Sweet Little Village (PG)
Cannon Premiere, Swiss Centre

Dancers (PG)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue



Emily Lloyd: defiance, unselfconscious exuberance and impeccable timing

Cynthia Payne, Lady Bountiful of Ambleside Avenue, not only entertained the nation with her colourful court appearances, but incidentally turned a searchlight on the national vice of hypocrisy. Subsequently her memoirs, recorded in Paul Bailey's book *An English Madam*, have inspired two wise and pawky films. The first was *Personal Services*; the second and better, **Wish You Were Here**, marks the debut as director of David Leland, who wrote both pictures.

In public statements, Leland is at pains to establish that Miss Payne was not the sole inspiration for *Wish You Were Here*. The story, even so, is very closely based on incidents from her adolescence: the death of her mother when she was 11 (which gives poignancy to the title); the difficult relationships with her father who was away at the war during her formative years and with the sister who was father's favourite; the loneliness and curiosity which impelled her to chase boys and grasp precocious sexual experience.

Miss Payne's unvarnished anecdotes provide the film's best comic scenes, like the confrontation with a psychiatrist who tries unsuccessfully to lure her into a titillating recital of dirty words; the loss of her virginity to a dandy bus conductor in canary pyjamas; or the chivalry of a local bobby when he finds her *in flagrante delicto* in the garden shed.

Leland feelingly describes the world into which this uncomfortably independent spirit irrupts: a polite seaside town of the Fifties, where father runs a back-street hairdressing salon and boasts how he once permed Our Gracie herself. The suffocating secrecy and hypocrisy and repression inevitably incite the child's cheeky, desperate gestures of defiance.

Several of the young Cynthia's early sexual encounters are compressed into one character, a soiled and seedy cinema projectionist and bookie's runner, finely characterized, with his own share of pathos, by Tom Bell.

Leland's greatest good fortune is the discovery of Emily Lloyd, who appears all natural, untutored, unselfconscious exuberance, yet possesses extraordinarily developed skills. Her timing of comedy is impeccable and her moments of pathos are quite pure of sentimentality. Lynda, the joint creation of Misses Payne and Lloyd, is a wholly rounded, living character, rude and resilient, determined not to be subdued by mean and narrow minds.

Housekeeping, the first film made wholly outside Scotland by Bill Forsyth, is another story of rebellion against the constraints of small-town life in the early Fifties, set on the other side of the world, on the North American Pacific coast. Based on a novel by Marilynne Robinson, it is about three female generations of a family prone to psychological peculiarity.

Two teenage sisters are orphaned when their mother steps calmly out one day to commit suicide. Their young, charming but very bizarre Aunt Sylvie turns up to care for them in her own fashion. She is a natural hobo, a bag lady who has mislaid even her bags. As she fills the house with old newspapers and tin cans, her charges choose their destinies. One moves out to live with the respectable part of the community; the other stays on, clearly destined to carry on the drop-out tradition.

Shot in British Columbia, the film creates a very concrete sense of a locale, the decaying family house on the lake shore, beside an old timber railroad bridge which enshrines local history and legend. (It is a mark of the film's ambitions that both house and bridge were specially constructed.)

It is a big challenge, however, to pivot a two-hour film on a character whose eccentricity is over the border of clinical disturbance. Forsyth is a connoisseur of human oddity, but the quality of his earlier films was to find that oddity in the plainest of lives. When morbid symptoms adapt, as they tend to do here, to the conveniences of the scenario, it is tempting to diagnose the sickness as a touch of the feys.

Christine Lahti, too, is a good deal too attractive and alert to make us wholly believe in her as a crazy lady who wraps herself in newspapers, sleeps on benches, steals boats and feeds marshmallows to imaginary children in the wood.

Rural comedy has an elemental, universal attraction and there are few directors who do it better than the Czech Jiri Menzel. The little community in **My Sweet Little Village** supplies all the familiar characters and obligatory running gags.

The central characters are a classic partnership of fat and thin, long and short, a mid-European Stan and Ollie. Otik (played by a versatile young Hungarian actor Janos Bán) is a toothy, half-witted beanpole whose efforts to be helpful produce untold disasters. He is mate to the long-suffering lorry driver Pavek, who is short, stout and exploding with brandy and exasperation.

Behind the comedy and charm there is something sharper: the party officials and the "Peace" Collective which runs the place like a toy-town council are not above a little chicanery to grab Otik's home for a Prague bigwig to convert (with plastic thatch and English garden) into a bijou week-end retreat.

Herbert Ross, whose career began as a choreographer with the American Ballet Theatre, and who was married to the late Nora Kaye, has a perilous penchant for dance films, which has led to collaboration with Mikhail Baryshnikov, and *Turning Point*, *Nijinsky* and now **Dancers**. The idea might have made for a cute film: an American ballet company is in Italy to film *Giselle*; the story of the ballet is played off-stage as well as on, between the egotistical, philandering Russian star (Baryshnikov) and an impressionable American *ingénue* (Leslie Browne).

Sarah Kernochan's script explores only the most superficial and melodramatic possibilities of the story, however. The film offers a bizarre view of the processes of both stage and film production and the off-screen characters are less substantial than Wilis. Most strange is the insensitivity with which Ross records the dance itself.

David Robinson

Towards fusion

Peshkar
QEH

JAZZ

Twenty years after his father, Ustad Alla Rakha, thrilled audiences at the Monterey Festival, the Indian percussionist Zakir Hussain continues his fascinating quest to blend Eastern and Western styles of improvisation.

Performances in his Contemporary Music Network project, Peshkar (roughly translated as "to present one's music") are neatly divided into two halves: the first devoted to traditional north and south Indian ragas, the second given over to the kind of fusion music that Hussain developed in Shakti, the classical-rock group formed in the mid-1970s with John McLaughlin and the violinist L.Shankar. Hussain explores similar terrain in his new ECM album *Making Music*, whose artless themes are adorned by the lyricism of McLaughlin and the saxophonist Jan Garbarek.

Shankar's performance on his extraordinary double-neck violin was one of the highlights of the first half. Playing a shortened raga based on a count of six and three quarter beats, he produced a stunning range of harmonies, closer to the cello than the violin. Earlier, Shiv Kumar Sharma's recital had demonstrated the subtleties of the santoor, a form of dulcimer. Hussain's relaxed stage manner helped turn the concert into a communal affair.

The problem after the interval was how to integrate the classical sound with the contemporary techniques of the American guitarist Larry Coryell, who opened with an incongruous solo reading of Ravel's *Bolero*. Compared with the complexities of the ragas, the efforts at fusion inevitably sounded more diffuse, even trite as in "Scotland" – set against 8½ beats – or Shankar's winsome ballad "Sally". The group found its feet however, in Hussain's "Making Music" and "Water Girl", the latter brought to an enchanting close when T.H.Vinayakram, the ghatam player, joined the leader in a furious drumming contest.

Clive Davis

ROCK

Alison Moyet
Wembley Arena

Although Alison Moyet's gorgeous, deep, plummy voice is her saving grace, it may also be something of a liability, insofar as it suggests a range of possibilities that she is clearly not able to fulfil. When she first came to prominence, on the crest of the synth-pop wave of 1982 with Vince Clarke in the duo Yazoo, her potential seemed limitless. Her multi-platinum 1984 solo album, *Alf*, skilfully combined elements of blues and gospel with a romping commercial approach and sold two-and-a-half million copies into the bargain, while an adequate rendering of the jazz standard "That Ole Devil Called Love" nearly reached No 1.

But since then she has retreated to her pop roots, and her plainly-staged, unimpressively lit live show has become a routine exposition of the sort that further closes whatever gap still remains between mainstream rock and Radio 2. If she had a voice like Cliff Richard or Madonna, perhaps one would not have felt so cheated at the succession of bright, anodyne songs which she performed with a minimum of fuss, backed by a competent seven-piece guitar and keyboard band – "All Cried Out", "Is This Love?", "Weak In The Presence Of Beauty" and so forth.

When she did attempt something more challenging she tended to overdo it. She bore down much too hard on an arrangement for voice and keyboards of Jacques Brel's "Ne Me Quitte Pas", and her fans chattered away during the silences regardless.

Swathed in a large, black fringed jacket, Moyet hit her best stride with her own older material like "Love Resurrection" and the Yazoo songs "Only You" and "Don't Go", numbers which harked back to a time when she had a more instinctive feel for what she was singing if not for where she was hoping to go.

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DANCE

The final première of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's season at Sadler's Wells, *Maybe Tomorrow*, proves far more cogent dramatically than any of Christopher Bannerman's previous ballets. That is no surprise, since theatre director Paul Chamberlain is listed as jointly responsible.

Their subject is one of those long ago competitive dance marathons, so the result looks like an abstract version of *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* The idea is conveyed partly in movement, a sustained motif of struggling on while constantly falling, and largely by Colin Winslow's design, which sits the musicians in full view behind the dancers.

The band, Man Jumping, provide the music, as both composers and performers; their treatment of "systems" music is individual and lively.

Lauren Potter is the girl who is most determined to win, irritably pushing away every attempt by the others to support her, gesturing at one moment to an unseen audience off stage, and finally continuing alone.

In case we miss the point of dogged perseverance, *Maybe Tomorrow* goes on and on for 40 minutes. That is pushing its luck rather hard.

For its London premiere, Daniel Ezralow's *Irma Vep* has acquired a detailed, unlikely and impenetrable synopsis but otherwise remains its own lubricious, facetious, undead self.

Siobhan Davies remains the only choreographer in this repertory who provides both energy and purpose in her dances. *And Do They Do*, retained from last year, is minor Davies and looks unfinished, but enlivens the evening.

John Percival

Thanks to Poland

Lontano/Martinez
St John's

CONCERT

Lontano are appropriately looking into the distance this season, examining the current musical connections between Britain and other countries. Poland, on Tuesday evening, was a natural choice, since the renown of the modern "Polish school", and the generosity of the Polish government in awarding scholarships, has sent young composers as commonly to Warsaw or Cracow as to Paris to complete their education.

Two of the beneficiaries were represented in this programme: John Casken by his *Firewhirl*, a nicely timed and atmospheric story-in-music that promises well for the opera on which he is working now; and the younger Nicholas Gotch by *Flight*, brightly scored for woodwind, trumpet, two percussionists and solo strings.

Gotch succeeds in his aim of creating fast music, not only by keeping a fast pulsation going throughout much of the piece but also by writing melodic lines that move. And if the formal idea recalls too much English music of the last decade (an initial steady unison breaks up to allow the flowering of solo melodies, after which there is a climax followed by decay), it was deftly carried out. In this lively performance it seemed only that the muted trumpet melody was too quiet, and the climax too massive.

The Polish side was inevitably dominated by Lutoslawski, from whom we heard *Chain 1* and an account of the nonet version of the *Dance Preludes* that had Odaline de la Martinez setting, and justifying, a break-neck tempo in the finale.

Jane Manning, who sang the Casken, was also the soloist in *Madrigali d'estate*, a setting of three d'Annunzio sonnets by Gotch's teacher Marek Stachowski, who cast them in Lutoslawskian vein for soprano and string trio. Andrew Byrt bravely took on the British première of Penderecki's Cadenza for solo viola, another heavy discovery of the descending chromatic scale.

Paul Griffiths

THEATRE

The new right's real life

Private Members
Half Moon

This very funny show by the Go-Go Boys, Andrew Alty and Howard Lester, takes us to a 1992 world in which shares in the National Health Service are for sale. In fact, they're giving them away and the choice is between rationed public water and a private source costing £150 a month.

"But I wouldn't feel right flushing the toilet with Perrier", moans Clive, one of a pair of gay BBC producers who receive the gentler end of the Go-Go's satire.

Much harsher treatment is meted out to the unholy alliance of a backbench Tory MP and a failed teacher who set up the Society for the Censoring of All Television. Howard Lester impersonates the former, a certain George Fuller (Geoffrey Dickens and Cecil Parkinson are thanked in the programme for helping to inspire the show), using a splendid compound of clenched teeth, strangulated vowels and old school blazer.

Andrew Alty is good, if a trifle Joyce Grenfell-ish, as the teacher, Fletcher, whose pupils drive him over the edge and into the arms of this not so unfamiliar avatar of the new right.

Moving just a little from the English new right to the American moral majority, Lester turns in another brilliant lampooning cameo of Matthew White, drug company boss turned evangelist and owner of Evangiland, a 5,000-acre theme park.

Mark Baker



Andrew Alty (left) and Howard Lester; The Go-Go Boys

In case you were wondering about the connection, the show ties what are essentially sketches into a clever if loose kind of thriller. The plot turns on two interchangeable brown envelopes which contain incriminating evidence against Fuller and White. In these days of Jim Bakker and the Scourge of Billericay, it all seems a bit too much like real life.

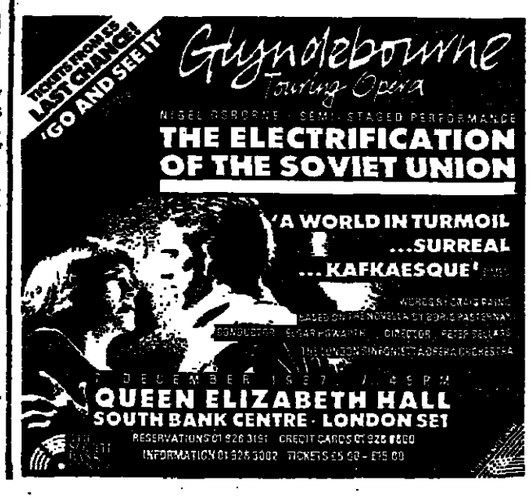
The quality of the Go-Go Boys' invention is consistently high and for a full two hours their energy scarcely flags. That is good going for any comedy act.

If I said that they do for the new right what Barry Humphries has done for Australia, it would be about half the truth. It would leave out their treatment of the gay scene (cruising postures, play of zips and leather against rubber) which manages to be both funny and concerned, as well as little gems like Andrew Alty's impersonation of a born again pop star (excellent music throughout is by Steve Byrne).

Harry Eyres

● **David Bomberg** (1890-1957) is now acknowledged to be one of the finest British painters of the 20th century. The 1988 Tate Gallery retrospective, which opens on February 17, containing over 200 works spanning his entire career, will be the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever devoted to Bomberg's work. Many of the paintings and drawings in this new survey have never been shown in London before.





BOOKS

Legislators of language

Peter Ackroyd reviews a constellation of new poets, who are reshaping the world

A VARIOUS ART
Edited by Andrew Crozier and Tim Longville
Carcanet, £12.95

If it is true that each generation discovers its own appropriate medium, then surely this is an age of prose: fiction is flourishing while poetry has become something of a sideshow, conveniently used as a signal for "deep" feeling by certain Irish poets, but otherwise seen as a piece of candyfloss to fill spaces in the columns of the weeklies, or as a publicity stunt, or as a springboard for some other kind of literary career. It takes an anthology such as this, therefore, to remind us of what ought not to be forgotten – prose may be the more difficult art, but poetry is the higher, the only discipline that can really save language from corruption and misuse. Poets are indeed the unacknowledged legislators of mankind, since poetry offers the only language that can in the end reshape the world.

This is not a polemical anthology on the old model, however, since, as its title suggests, the poets collected in this volume represent a group only in a chronological sense – most of them began writing in the Sixties, and the vast bulk of the poetry here was composed within the last 15 years. If it represents any kind of reaction it is not against the fashionable poets of the moment (who will in any case die of inanition sooner rather than later) but rather against the whole context of English poetry which prevailed when these particular writers began to publish their work – a reaction, in other words, against the orthodoxy of the Fifties and Sixties when this "right little, tight little island", to borrow a Victorian phrase, produced right little, tight little poems. It was a time of insularity and of an almost wilful philistinism, when English poets, believing that they had nothing to learn from the great modernists of a previous generation, fashioned a style that was at once parochial and outmoded – characteristically dealing with what were considered to be the more "ordinary" emotions, as if that were some kind of riposte to the pioneering work of Pound, Eliot and even Auden. It represented an aesthetic of narrow forms, narrow cadences, and an even narrower idea of poetry, which reached its apotheosis in the work of Philip Larkin. This is not to say that such verse was necessarily barren or inconsequential; at its best it had the virtues of good prose chopped up into conveniently smaller lines. But it did mark a time when English poetry entered a kind of self-imposed retreat.

So what does this anthology offer instead? The context in which these poets operate may itself be of some significance. They have all been distributed in what would once have been called "small magazines" and by small publishers; but if they have been ignored by the metropolitan publishing houses, they have been equally overlooked by the national press (with the honourable exception of *The London Review of Books*, which has included long articles on at least three of the poets represented in this volume). This is no doubt in part because some of these poets are not readily comprehensible to the casual reader, but it should be pointed out that those writers who never go beyond the inherited dispensation of language are unlikely to make progress of any other kind. And that, after all, is the main point: as Andrew Crozier says in his introduction, all these poets share a "commitment to the discovery of meaning and form in language itself".

In fact, some of them ought already to be well known – J.H. Prynne, for example, is without doubt the most formidable and accomplished poet in England today, a writer who has single-handedly changed the vocabulary of expression, and who, through his teaching at Cambridge, has re-educated the sensibility of an entire generation of students. Then there are younger poets here, too, such as Iain Sinclair and Nick Totton, who have in very different ways redefined the possibilities of political or "public" poetry at a time when it has fallen into disrepute.

Some of the writers in this anthology have been connected with Cambridge University – in a way they represent the fastidious distaste for metropolitan fashion with characterizes that place – but it would be wrong to label the collection as in any way academic. There are poets here, like John James or Tim Longville, who manage to bring into the cadences of their verse a quite new range of urban imagery and popular metaphor – and they often do so through the medium of a direct, speaking voice. It is appropriate, too, that a number of long poems have been included – Douglas Oliver's "In the Cave of Suicession" [sic] and Iain Sinclair's "Lud Heat", for example, are two works that really create new forms of narrative poetry.

What is most significant about this collection, then, is the enlargement of the possibilities of poetry that it represents; to read it is to experience a rare sensation of freedom, since within the space of something fewer than 400 pages a range of wholly new concerns can be seen to enter the sphere of poetic language. As a result, there are poets here whose work could redefine the world of any reader interested enough to pick up this anthology in the first place. Of course, there are dissimilarities of tone and of meaning – in many ways this is as disparate a collection as anyone is likely to find – but what all these poets share is an attention to language so profound that the words themselves draw them forward into new areas of meaning and connotation. And that, after all, is the truest definition of poetry: it is a language that recreates itself, becoming both familiar and unrecognizable, and which in the process recreates the world.

There are two or three other writers who ought to have been included – Lee Harwood and Kevin Stratford among them – but nevertheless this is the finest collection of contemporary English poetry to be published for many years.



American hogwash

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE EXILE
By William Cotzwinkle
The Bodley Head, £10.95

THE POPPY FACTORY
By William Fairchild
Bloomsbury, £10.95

THE COAST OF BOHEMIA
By Zdena Tomin
Hutchinson, £11.95

St Athanasius believed man's speech to be composed of syllables that had neither life nor efficacy. He would find nothing in this week's batch of fiction to change his mind, despite the 14 centuries we have had to sharpen our act. Only a few days after celebrating with fellow critics one's books of the year, it is a salutary experience to read novels by authors who should be encouraged never again to stray near a pen.

Among the 57,000 or so books published in 1987 is *The Exile* by William Cotzwinkle. It is published by the once-reputable Bodley Head – erstwhile publishers of Graham Greene and Muriel Spark – and a publishing house that was recently gobbled up by Americans. Mr Cotzwinkle's presence on the list is symptomatic of what is currently wrong in British publishing: like many of the 57,000 titles his should never have been published at all. It is also a warning that we are in danger of becoming a dumping ground for the Americans. Look at the forthcoming catalogue for Jonathan Cape (gobbled along with The Bodley Head) and you will hardly find a single novel that has originated in Britain.

In Swiss German, *cotzen* means "to puke". Reading Cotzwinkle's narrative is guaranteed to have a similar effect. The author ("His novelization of ET the extra-terrestrial was a huge international best-seller") constructs his artifice about a Hollywood actor who suddenly starts hallucinating that he is a Nazi black marketeer in wartime Germany. Fans of *'Allo 'Allo* might warm to the theme, as well as to characters held together with Scotch tape and wisecracks, but Cotzwinkle's more serious pretensions turn *The Exile* into what can only be described as a devastatingly dreadful book.

The Poppy Factory, prettily published by the new house of Bloomsbury, deals with an English screenwriter working in Hollywood who inherits the confessions of his grandfather – a World War I general.

These confessions relate to the general's encounter with some wolf-faced deserters in no man's land. Fed up with fighting over the same old ground, soldiers from all sides have decided to live together underground. After the war the general is entrusted with the task of rooting them out, aided in this task by men from the former enemy forces. One of these, a Corporal Polzl, gases some deserters. "I shall never forget his face. It was twitching with uncontrollable spasms, glowing, sweating, as though at the height of orgasm . . . I was looking into the face of evil." Also, as it turns out, the face of Adolf Hitler. The consequences of not shooting Adolf/Polzl result, amongst other things, in World War II and generous lashings of guilt on the general's part.

The Poppy Factory is sub-Sapper stuff. Its distended plot and its loose, flaccid prose ("The pervading presence of useless death") remind one of a tattoo on ageing skin. The horrific core of the book – those peaceful, subterranean troglodytes – is never made horrific enough, and the author simply cannot write about women. What disappoints most of all is that this should come from an admirable imprint which is attempting to do for publishing what *The Independent* has done for journalism.

Zdena Tomin is the Czech dissident and "spokesperson" for Charter 77, and *The Coast of Bohemia* is her second novel. She has been compared with Conrad in that she is writing in a language that is not her mother tongue. There the comparison ends. This fiction, which seems to be the work of a woman straining to remember rather than trying to entertain, manages to be both frenetic and dreary.

The narrator is a scraggy dissident with a nun's face who enjoys curious but seriously tiresome relationships with both a demented girl called Norma and members of the secret police. The book only comes alive when the action moves to a lunatic ward in a London hospital where a black girl who thinks she is Princess Diana asks the narrator to be her lady-in-waiting. Perhaps she was once a fiction reviewer in a very bad week.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

A History of British Publishing, by John Feather (Croom Helm, £30) From Caxton to the high tech revolution.
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Books for Christmas

Marc Jordan selects the best fine art books of the season

Long out of print is a precious series of books called *L'Artiste raconté par lui-même*, in which the personalities of eminent French painters of the 19th century are conjured up from fragments of their letters, diaries, and jottings as well as from their *bons mots* on art and life recorded by contemporaries. **Degas by himself** *(Macdonald Orbis, £30)* compiled by Richard Kendall is the second in a welcome new series which began with Bruce Bernard's **Vincent by himself**, and which clearly aims to be an update of this excellent idea.

As well as its text Kendall's book has a lavish selection of colour plates surveying almost every aspect of Degas's work (though, mysteriously, not his sculpture). There is an unnerving intimacy to the book. The artist, painfully shy, was able to communicate his deeply felt but ambivalent attitudes to art only within his small circle of close friends, and it is to this circle that the reader is admitted. Many of the letters quoted here are potent reminders of how lonely and isolated Degas felt as he grew older.

● A less raw, more avuncular side of Degas appears alongside pen portraits of Renoir, Monet, Stéphane Mallarmé, and other denizens of late 19th-century artistic and literary Paris in **Growing up with the Impressionists** *(Sotheby's Publications, £19.95)*, a diverting exercise in the higher gossip selected from the journal of Julie Manet, the daughter of Berthe Morisot and Edouard Manet's younger brother, and herself a painter of some charm. I cannot say much in favour of **River of Light, Monet's Impressions of the Seine** by Douglas Skeggs *(Gollancz, £14.95)*, except that the pictures are pretty and that it might be some help if you are planning a trip along the suburban stretches of the Seine. But the outstanding recent book on Impressionist painting is Kirk Varnedoe's **Gustave Caillebotte** *(Yale, £19.95)* which gives an intelligent and very well-balanced reassessment of an artist whose private means and amateur status have led many critics to patronize him.

● "I have spoken to the most intelligent people about art, and they have not understood; but among people who understand, words are not necessary, you say humph, he, ha and everything has been said." Well, up to a point, M. Degas. But it is undoubtedly the opportunity to get close to the artist's visual imagination, without the mediation of words, that makes **The Seven Sketchbooks of Vincent van Gogh** *(Thames & Hudson, £30)* so valuable. The sketchbooks reproduced in high quality facsimile are owned by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, and they cover the whole of the brief and intense decade of van Gogh's career as a painter, from the time he was dismissed as a missionary among the Belgian coal-miners in 1880 to his suicide at Auvers in 1890. Of all these attempts to catch things "in the act", as he put it in a letter to his brother Theo, it is the seventh sketchbook, which records the germs of some of his last and most familiar paintings, including the now notorious *Sunflowers in a vase* and *Irises in a vase*, which is most poignant. Looking at these black and red chalk drawings it is possible to recover some of the freshness of images become hackneyed through over-exposure.

● Nancy Heller's **Women Artists: an illustrated history** *(Virago, £30)* is a popular and well-illustrated survey of women painters from the 16th century to the present day. Eight years ago Germaine Greer tackled the topic with a great deal more intellectual clout (but without such good plates) in *The Obstacle Race: The Fortunes of Women Painters and their Work*. Heller's secessionist approach seems old-fashioned now that feminist art-historians such as Kathleen Adler and Tamar Garb in their challenging **Berthe Morisot** *(Phaidon, £19.95)* are reintegrating their subjects into their historical and artistic contexts. But as an introduction to the names and art of some important and quite unjustly neglected painters and sculptors this book earns its place on the shelf.

● If I had to choose just three books to keep me company and to give me pleasure when the last of the cold turkey has been cleared away, I would have no hesitation in opting for my first two: Charles Avery's **Giambologna: The Complete Sculpture** *(Phaidon-Christie's, £75)*; and E.H. Gombrich's **Reflections on the History of Art** *(Phaidon, £17.50)*. Avery's text gives a lucid and subtle account of the evolving style of an artist whose monumental sculptures and bronze statuettes are synonymous with the international court art of the later 16th century. It is complimented, as so rarely in books about sculpture, by superb photographs (the work of David Finn), which are the next best thing to being able to move around these works designed to be seen from a multiplicity of viewpoints. The Gombrich book is a collection of book and exhibition reviews written over the last 20 years for such diverse publications as *The Burlington Magazine* and *The Observer*. Such an enterprise from a lesser pen might smack of hubris.

● My third book would have to be a picture book, and here I would hesitate between Geraldine Norman's **Biedermeier Painting** *(Thames and Hudson, £25)*, with its evocation of the intimate and cultured world of German bourgeois life in the age of Schubert; and Nikolai Nikulin's **Netherlandish Paintings in Soviet Museums** *(Phaidon, £39.95)*. I think, perhaps, that the extraordinary quality and range of the pictures in Russian museums by Rogier van der Weyden, Hugo van der Goes, Dieric Bouts, Mabuse, Lucas van Leyden, Pieter Brueghel and the rest would make me choose Nikulin's book. And then I could spend the dreary days of January planning a trip to Leningrad and Moscow in the spring.

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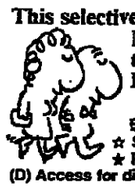
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☆ **DREAMS OF SAN FRANCISCO:** Five-woman play by Jacqueline Holborough, set to confirm the high promise of last year's *Garden Girls*.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **LYLE:** World première of musical by Charles Strouse (composer of *Annie*) about a New York family who adopt the croc they find in their bath.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Tonight 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £5-£8.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm. £5-£14.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play on City ethics.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 3-5.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50. (D)

☆ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** Richard Briers as Malvolio in Renaissance Theatre Company's first Shakespeare.
Riverside Studio, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Tonight 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

☆ **THE WAY TO GO HOME:** Political thriller set in Turkey where two Scottish tourists find themselves in deep trouble. Transfer from Coventry's Belgrade Theatre.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. £4-£6.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **Gaslight:** Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller; watch out for the tell-tale gas flame.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **A Chorus of Disapproval:** Alan Ayckbourn's adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The True Story of The Titanic:** Satiric comedy shows up the follies and arrogance behind the well-known shipwreck.
Crucible Studio Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Sat 7.45pm. £3.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Measure for Measure:** New production of Shakespeare's play set in Vienna, directed by Nicholas Hynter, with music by Jeremy Sams.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford (0789 295623), tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. £3.50-£17.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **The New Inn:** Ben Jonson's exploration of the nature and honour of true love. Directed by John Caird, with music by Guy Woolfenden.
Swan Theatre, Stratford (0789 295623), tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3-£13.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☆ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ARIA (18):** A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman (90 min).
:: **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10

BEST SELLER (18): Police thriller with a wobbly plot but impressive performances from Brian Dennehy (as the cop plagued by an unsolved case) and James Woods (a cold-blooded mystery man). Directed by John Flynn; with Victoria Tennant (95 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.50.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
:: **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.30.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from Peter Richardson originator of *The Comic Strip*. With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond and Nosher Powell (90 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.10, 3.55, 6.00, 8.05.

INNER SPACE (PG): Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.35, 8.10.

THE KITCHEN TOTO (15): Writer-director Harry Hook makes an impressive debut with this observant drama about a bewildered young servant during Kenya's fight for independence. With Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan (97 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.50, 5.25, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.35, 8.50.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG): Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 3.40, 5.20, 7.10, 9.10.
:: **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.

GALLERIES

CLASS OF 87: Works by five of this year's gifted art college graduates including welded metal sculptures by Sarah Tombs.
Louise Hallett Gallery, 27 Junction Mews, London W2 (01-724 9865). Tues-Sat 11-7pm, free, until Jan 16.

JOHN ALEXANDER: Exotically coloured paintings based on the swamps in the southern USA by an important American figurative artist.
Marlborough Gallery, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until Jan 8.

JUNE REDFERN: Large, recent paintings of single figures by the Scottish artist who was a previous artist-in-residence at the National Gallery.
Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford (0274 493313), Tues-Sun 10-5pm, free, until Jan 24.

PRIVATE VIEW: A fine survey of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist drawings including all the big names.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until Jan 29.

JAZZ

☆ **CHEVALIER BROTHERS:** Louis Jordan-inspired jive from one of the most popular bands on the dance circuit.
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (01-788 2387), 8.30pm, £3-£4.



The Thomas Schuster collection of the printed works of Kate Greenaway will be sold at Sotheby's this morning. It includes first editions of nearly all the books she illustrated (such as the one above for Mary Senior Clark's book *Tarnaside Cottage*), greetings cards, calendars, magazine illustrations, pottery, printed fabrics and wallpapers. Greenaway would have had a lot in common with the late Laura Ashley. Both women loved the countryside, achieved great business success from relatively modest beginnings, saw their designs used in multiple applications and became household names — synonymous with a totally recognizable style. Born in Hoxton in 1846, Kate Greenaway was always talented. She studied at Slade, had her first exhibition in 1868, supplied illustrations for children's periodicals and *The Illustrated London News* and published her first book *Under the Window* in 1878. Her early greetings cards designs, published by Marcus Ward and Co, were a huge success and so great was the demand for her work that her income rose from £70 per annum in 1872 to £1,500 in 1881. She died, a spinster, in 1901, after what can only be described as a brilliant career. The Thomas Schuster collection is part of the sale of illustrated books, children's books and related drawings and will be held being held at Sotheby's 34 & 35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080) at 11am. *Judy Froshaug*

☆ **BOBBY PORCHELLI:** The American saxophonist, a Buddy Rich alumnus, has built up a strong reputation on the Continent.
Bass Clef, 35 Hoxton Square, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **PESHKAR:** Zakir Hussain's Indo-jazz fusions, with guitarist Larry Coryell.
Adrian Boltz Hall, Paradise Place, Birmingham (021 236 3889), 8pm, £5.50.

☆ **BETTY CARTER:** She leads yet another gifted young trio. The Scottish saxophonist Tommy Smith takes care of the support set.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

ROCK

☆ **JOHNNY THUNDERS:** Wasted youth, ex-New York Doll and all-round Keith Richards fetishist. One of those feather-heads who look like they can slump over thin air.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 261 4366) 7.30pm, £4-£4.50.

★ **THE CULT:** A shamelessly derivative pastiche of the heavy rock styles of groups like Led Zeppelin and AC/DC. Seventies rock for the Eighties teenager. Support is Balsam and the Angel.
Forum, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 6pm, £7.50.

☆ **THE ICICLE WORKS:** Ian McNabb's melodic guitar trio from Liverpool remains a significantly under-rated group.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £5.

★ **TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY:** The hard line pop/soul star and raving egomaniac who caused a minor sensation at the time of his first two singles, "If You Let Me Stay" and "Wishing Well".
Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (0202 297297) 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **ALEX KONADU:** Ghanaian highlife guitarist and Akan-language vocalist, leading his electric big band on their first British tour.
Africa Centre, 38 King Street, London WC2 (01-836 1973) 9pm, £5-£6.

DANCE

☆ **UNDER MOON:** A new work by Kim Brandstrup for Arc Dance Company.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 7031), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **MAYBE TOMORROW:** A new work by Christopher Bannerman and Paul Chamberlain for London Contemporary Dance Theatre with the band Man Jumping. London première of Daniel Ezralow's vampire ballet to Bartok music is on the same bill.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£10.50.

OPERA

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's elegant new Twenties-style production, with Suzanne Murphy as the Rosalinde.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.30pm, £6.50-£20.

☆ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** New, *commedia dell'arte*-inspired production by Jonathan Miller for English National Opera, with Alan Opie in the title role and Mark Elder conducting a sparkling account of the score.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera continue their tour of Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£11.00.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **HEAR HEWITT:** Mendelssohn's *Variations sérieuses* and Schumann's Humoresque Op 20 are played by the pianist Angela Hewitt.
St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £1.80, £2.50.

EVENING

☆ **FOR CAPONE:** See caption.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3, £4.50.

★ **BERGLUND/RPO:** The RPO is conducted by Paavo Berglund in Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3 "Scottish" and Debussy's *La Mer*. In Mozart's Piano Concerto K 503 the soloist is Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.35pm, £4-£20.

☆ **BARSHAI/HALLE:** Rudolf Barshai conducts the Hallé Orchestra in his arrangement of Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony No 1, Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini* and Beethoven's Symphony No 3 "Eroica".
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, £2-£8.

☆ **NORRINGTON NEWS:** Roger Norrington conducts the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in Mozart's *Idomeneo* Overture, Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations (Colin Carr, cello) and Schubert's Symphony No 3.
Weymouth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Weymouth (0305 783225), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.

☆ **SINGING LADIES:** In tribute to Leonora, Catarina and Andreana Baroni, known as "The Three Singing Ladies of Rome", Jill Feldman, Agnes Mellon and Isabelle Poulenard sing madrigals and motets by Roman composers such as Luzzasco Luzzaschi, Mazzocchi, Marazzoli, Carissimi and Rossi.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.



Noticeably little music is dedicated to gangsters, but a *Missa Funerale* for Al Capone (above) by the German composer Wilhelm Siebert is played by the Duo Tedesco at the Purcell Room this evening (see listing), together with other pieces for cello and double bass by Rossini, Kelterborn, Beethoven and Boismortier. The Duo consists of Bernd Teichgraber and Christoph Niemann, both members of the orchestra of the Deutsche Opera, Berlin, and this is their London debut.

☆ **PAUK/FURST:** Janos Fürst conducts the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Schumann's *Genoveva* Overture, Beethoven's Violin Concerto with György Pauk as soloist, and Nielsen's *Sinfonia Espansiva*.
Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol (0272 291768/262957), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.50.

☆ **ALMEIDA/PHILHARMONIA:** Antonio de Almeida conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in a colourful programme. Lalo's *Le Roi d'Ys* Overture, Falla's complete *Three-Cornered Hat*, Chabrier's *España*, Ravel's *Pavane* and Canteloube's *Chants d'Auvergne* with Jill Gomez, soprano.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.35pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **ISTOMIN OPPORTUNITY:** The distinguished pianist Eugene Istomin does not often appear in London and he should not be missed in Haydn's Sonata Hob XVI/12, Schuman's Sonata Op 11, Debussy's *Images I* and a large Rachmaninov group.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), info 01-928 3002). 7.45pm, £4-£8.50.

TALKS

KOREAN FOLK MUSIC: A lively talk by Dr Keith Howard — a keen Korean drummer himself.
University of Durham, Seminar Room, Anthropology Department, Durham (091 374 2947), 8pm, free.

1987 RALEIGH LECTURE: Given by Professor David Dilks on the Prime Minister, the Cabinet and Hitler's Germany from 1937-1939.
The British Academy, 20 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 (01-487 5966), 5pm, free.

SOCIALISM TODAY: Lecture by Professor Brian Barry of the LSE.
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, Houghton Street, London WC2 (01-405 7686), 5.30pm, free.

BRITISH RESEARCH: John Maddox, editor of *Nature*, discusses whether British research is over the hill.
University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics, 5.30pm, free.

RUBENS AT HOME: Lecture by Felicity Woolf on pictures of the artist's family.
The National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3.

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.

PUBS, SMUGGLERS, PIRATES AND PRESS GANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7pm, £3.

FAGIN'S EAST SIDE HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR: Classes and judging in cattle, sheep, pigs, Clydesdale horses. Young farmers section, tug-of-war and pipers.
Ingliston, Newbridge, Midlothian (031 333 2444). 7am-6pm (gates close 4pm), £5, child £2.50.

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES: Performance of Dylan Thomas's work of the same name by the Nexus Dance Company and children from the 12 Hertfordshire schools with whom they have been working over the past year.
The Forum Theatre, Lemsford Road, Hatfield, Hertfordshire (07072 71217). 7.30pm, £2.50, child £1.50.

TAPESTRIES FROM THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO: First day of an exhibition and sale of hand-woven tapestries made by women of Lesotho. A traditional spinning wheel, photographs and recordings of music from the area accompany the exhibition.
The Barbican Centre, Level 5 West Foyer, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Today until Jan 11. Mon-Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 12 noon-11pm, free.

ANNUAL NEWMARKET ANTIQUES FAIR: Three-day fair with mainly pre-1890 antiques: Staffordshire pottery — including a pair of 1855 portrait figures of jockeys — furniture, porcelain, Dalton stoneware and jewellery.
White Hart Hotel, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk. Today 2-8pm, tomorrow 11am-8pm, Sat 10.30am-5pm, 50p, accompanied child free.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP: Recording and collecting Docklands history with David Dewing.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). 1.10pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LE MAITRE MYSTIQUE: Third series of organ recitals pays tribute to Olivier Messiaen, with Georges Robert performing *La nativité du Seigneur*, and other soloists including Louis Thiry, Jennifer Bate and John Scott. General booking now open.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

MASS CARIB: Exploration of the black experience of Christianity in full Mass service with choir, non-Western instruments and all-black Irie Dance Company. Jan 4-10. General booking now open.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800).

DIOCLESIAN/TIMON OF ATHENS: John Eliot Gardiner conducts Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists in rare Purcell double bill, with Lynne Dawson, Gillian Fisher, Rogers Covey-Crump, Paul Elliott, Michael George and David Wilson Johnson. Dec 10.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061).

ENO: Postal booking open for spring subscription series, with new productions of *Billy Budd*, *The Magic Flute*, *Tannhäuser* and *The Cunning Little Vixen*.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 2699).

LAST CHANCE

MACBETH: Last performance of Cheek by Jowl production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565). Until Sat.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: Exhibition on development of the Commonwealth Institute, with plans for future development following government policy review.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535). Until Sun.

WELSH TREASURES: History of Wales seen through landscapes and portraits, altar pieces, pottery and manuscripts.
Cardiff Castle, Cardiff, Wales (0222 45224). Ends today.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

PILLEDOW
(c) Medieval slang for a tonsured priest, from peeled = bald, + daw = blackbird.

LIG
(c) Rockspeak for a publicity party to promote a group, a record, or an event. To lig is to be backstage at a concert where you have no function to perform.

LATEBRICOLE
(b) Zoological term for creatures that live or hide in holes, from Latin *latebra*, a hole, and *colo*, I inhabit.

BOFFOLA
(b) American showbiz jargon for a loud, appreciative laugh in response to a comedian, from boff, a joke.

SAULIE
(a) Scots for the hired mute who preceded the cortège with a black staff; probably from *saul*, the soul.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending November 28

FICTION

1	Hot Money, Dick Francis	Michael Joseph	£10.95
2	Yes Prime Minister Vol II, Lynn/Jay	BBC	£ 9.95
3	Winter, Len Deighton	Hutchinson	£11.95
4	Moon Tiger, Penelope Lively	Deutsch	£ 9.95
5	At Close Quarters, Gerald Seymour	Collins	£10.95

NON-FICTION

1	Pocket Wine Book, Hugh Johnson	Mitchell Beazley	£ 4.95
2	Perestroika, Mikhail Gorbachov	Collins	£12.95
3	Nanny Says, Sir Hugh Casson/Joyce Grenfell	Souvenir	£ 4.95
4	Oscar Wilde, Richard Ellman	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
5	Catlore, Desmond Morris	Cape	£ 5.95

PAPERBACKS

1	Floyd on France, Keith Floyd	BBC	£ 6.95
2	The Fish Course, Sarah Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
3	Giles Cartoons	Express Books	£ 2.25
4	Catmopolitan, Ilene Hochberg	Corgi	£ 5.95
5	A Perfect Spy, John le Carré	Coronet	£ 3.95
6	The Good Food Guide, Edited by Drew Smith	Hodder/Stoughton	£10.95
7	The Good Hotel Guide, Edited by Hilary Rubenstein	Hodder/Stoughton	£10.95
8	The Messianic Legacy, Baigent/Leigh/Lincoln	Corgi	£ 3.95
9	The Levant Trilogy, Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 4.95
10	The Balkan Trilogy, Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 5.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795. Tom't 7.45 pm. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Antonio de Almeida (cond)

PURCELL ROOM 01-928 3191/ CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30. DUO TEDESCO BERLIN. Kevin Moore reader. Works by Schneider, Morley, Beethoven, Rosetti, Kalkenbrenner, Siebert, Niemann.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191) CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30. RPO. Paavo Berglund. Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 (Scottish); Mozart: Piano Concerto in C, K.503; Debussy: La Mer.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tom't 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Rigoletto. Tomor 7.30 Rigoletto.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Leon Errol in Scrappily Married (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To participate telephone 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Jane Hardy and Nick Mercer, and Pinny's House (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A reading by Sir Michael Hordern **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Bob Wellings and Susan Rae.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine programme presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. The busybody Mrs Mangel is infuriated by Clive's antics **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: Pacific Destiny (1956) starring Denholm Elliott and Susan Stephen. Drama, based on the autobiography of Sir Arthur Grimble, about life as a colonial officer on a remote South Seas outpost of the British Empire. Directed by Wolf Rilla.
3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **4.00** The Chucklehounds **4.05** Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince (r). **4.30** Around the World with Willy Fog. Willy reaches Bombay.
4.55 Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter.
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Janice Long and Gary Davies.
7.30 EastEnders. Graham tries to contact the elusive Den; Sue, exhausted after being kept awake by a noisy party in the flat below, meets her new neighbour for the first time; and Carmel is warned to watch her brother. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes news of a new technique to detect flaws in aircraft structure.
8.30 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. In this first programme of a new series Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Steve Davis, David Kirk, John Barnes and Fatima Whitbread. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Mistress. Maxine's plans for a quiet country weekend are dashed; and Luke receives an unexpected visit from his wife (r).
10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Lady Blackstone, Oliver Lewin and MPs Rosie Barnes and Nick Scott.
11.00 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness goes down Mexico way in search of a missing key witness in a case against a leading mobster.
11.50 Save a Life. Dr Alan Maryon Davis's emergency first aid advice (r).
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.25** Daytime on Two: Austrian radio **9.42** Textiles: party fashions **10.15** Science: highlighting **10.38** Investigating science: weather forecasting **11.00** Thinkabout **11.15** A history of Christmas **11.35** A young fashion model receives advice **12.05** Science: relationships **12.25** Activities important to many religions **12.50** Microtechnology **1.20** For the young **1.38** A Christmas musical **2.00** News and weather followed by an animated version of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.
2.20 Your Life In Their Hands. A woman is screened for breast cancer (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Steens Mountain — A Wildlife Western. The valley of the Donner und Blitzen river in Oregon (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Pamela Stephenson talks to Desmond Lynam about her favourite television memories **4.35** Look, Stranger: Sporting gunsmith. A profile of Lindsay Tilney (r).
5.00 The Violin Maker. Master violin-maker Jim McKillop from Co. Antrim meets Stephane Grappelli (r). **5.05** My Music (r). **5.30** Vintage Floyd. Keith Floyd samples Jersey fare (r).
6.00 Battlestar Galactica. Science fiction adventures.
6.50 Cover to Cover. Among Jill Neville's guests is American writer Edmund White.
7.20 Thinking Aloud from Malahide Castle, Dublin. Irish nationalism as viewed from the South is discussed by Garret FitzGerald, Victor Griffin, Richard Kearney and Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh.
8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Mike Read and Jancis Robinson; Frank Muir by Jane Glover and Spike Milligan.
8.30 Just Another Day. John Pitman spends a day with the AA (r).
9.00 Yes, Prime Minister. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
9.30 40 Minutes: East Side Story. The contrasting lots of two London Docklands households. (Ceefax)
10.10 It's Garry Shandling's Show. American comedy series.
10.35 Newsnight **11.20** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes news on the hour and half hour.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz show presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Puddle Lane. Puppet series presented by Neil Innes **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Look Good, Feel Great includes a preview of next year's leisurewear fashions and details of a competition for a hamper of healthy food for Christmas **12.00** The Sullivans.
12.30 News with John Suchet **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 Falcon Crest. Drama serial about the vine-growing folk of California. Starring Jane Wyman **1.55** Home Cookery Club. Leicester Fish Savoury **2.00** Cross Wits. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor. With Stephanie Lawrence and Keith Barron.
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden introduces newsreel clips from the year 1962 **3.00** Take the High Road. Scottish highlands drama serial **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of *Lentil* **4.10** The Telebugs **4.20** Chish 'n' Fips. Adventures of garden gnomes **4.45** The Haunted School. Serial about a school in a remote part of Australia.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help with details of *Who Cares*, a quarterly magazine for young people in care.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Ruth cannot supply the straight answer required by Joe.
7.30 Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in a hospital's men's ward (r).
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game utilizing the latest technology.
8.30 This Week: The Battle In the Kremlin. Margaret Jay reports from Moscow on Mr Gorbachov's domestic policy problems; Jonathan Dimbleby, in Washington, assesses what the Russians will be asking for at next week's summit.
9.00 The Equalizer. The second part of the story in which McCall is called in to help find Control's kidnapped daughter. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 The City Programme investigates the case of the phantom gold mine that has lost investors a fortune; and a look at the trends in the leisure industry.
11.05 01- for London. A critical guide to London's entertainment scene.
11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's prison.
12.30 Meltdown. Rock singer Nona Hendryx in concert.
1.00 A Problem Aired. Viewers' personal and emotional problems discussed by experts.
1.30 Kojak. The detective is baffled by an unknown bomber.
2.30 News headlines followed by Too Close for Comfort. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes (1972) starring Roddy McDowall and Don Murray. Drama, set in 1991 North America. After disease has wiped out cats and dogs, humans take apes as pets and then turn them into slaves. Directed by J Lee-Thompson.
4.35 The Twilight Zone: Little Boy Lost. A tale of the supernatural.
5.00 ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Jeremy Irons with Hans Andersen's tale of the *Steadfast Tin Soldier* **1.00** Sesame Street.
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Those Were the Days (1934, b/w) starring Will Hay and John Mills. Comedy, based on Pinero's play *The Magistrate*. Directed by Thomas Bentley.
3.45 Film: Thirty Million Letters (1963). How British Rail handle the country's mail.
4.15 Fantasy on Ireland.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Film: Our Little Girl (1935, b/w) starring Shirley Temple and Joel McCrea. Sentimental tale of the exploits of a young girl who leaves home when her parents' marriage goes through a tricky period. Directed by John Robertson.
6.15 Film: La Pince à Ongles (1968) A surrealist short about an over-fastidious couple on holiday in an hotel. Directed by Jean-Claude Carriere.
6.30 The Sharp End includes an investigation into Militant Tendency influence in government offices around the country.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 The Insiders. Christopher Hird examines how insider traders operate and how effectively their activities are policed.
9.00 Film: Bye Bye Braverman (1968, b/w) starring George Segal and Jack Warden. Black comedy about a group of New York Jewish intellectuals travelling from Greenwich Village to Brooklyn to attend the funeral of a friend. Directed by Sidney Lumet.
10.45 Court Report: "The Birmingham 6". A dramatized summary of the appeal hearing at the Old Bailey.
12.15 Their Lordships' House.
12.30 Film: The State of Things (1982, b/w) starring Allen Goorwitz. A reflection of film-making through the story of a film crew taking an enforced break as they await their producer's return with the funds to continue their work. Directed by Wim Wenders Ends at **2.45**.

Yes, the prime sitcom

TELEVISION CHOICE



Whitehall trio: Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne, and Derek Fowlds in Yes, Prime Minister, BBC2, 9.00pm

● A bold plan to bridge the *north-south divide* and at the same time create jobs comes before the Cabinet in Yes, Prime Minister (BBC2, 9.00pm). The scheme is to move defence establishments from the Home Counties to the north of England. Jim Hacker thinks it is a splendid idea but the service chiefs are appalled. How are they going to get to Ascot and Wimbledon? How will their wives manage, 300 miles from Harrods? The scheme must be stopped. Enter Sir Humphrey, the ideal man to engineer its downfall, except that this time Hacker may not be the usual pushover. The script by Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn offers the usual pleasures of dazzling verbal interplay and a beautifully structured plot. As has often been remarked, the series is all the funnier for its semblance to the truth. There is enough evidence from the real world to suggest that what Jay and Lynn offer in jest, namely the eternal battle between the politician and the civil servant, is happening daily in the corridors of Whitehall. It is a programme much admired by Mrs Thatcher, perhaps because she sees herself in stark constrast to the dithering and frequently outmanoevred Hacker. One cannot imagine the real Sir Humphrey getting much change out of the Iron Lady. The other great pleasure is the immaculate playing of Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and all the supporting cast. This is comic acting of a very high order and the keys to it are precise timing, the facial expressions that speak volumes and, above all, never going over the top. *Yes, Prime Minister* is easily the funniest of the current TV sitcoms and one of the best ever.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30**pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.00** Janice Long **9.00** My Top Ten (Barry White) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw.
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00**am As Radio 2 **10.00**pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00**am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-up **8.50**am **4.00**am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05**pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00**am Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
5.00 am Newsdesk 5.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 A Drop of the Irish 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Commentary 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Training for Tomorrow 10.00 News 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Don't Stop Now, It's Foundation 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 *Letter From America* 11.30 *Londres Mida* 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Dave Gelly's Songbook 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Write On... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Letter From England 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Sor 6.30 Heute Aktuel 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Meridian *9.00 News 9.01 Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man* 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Letter From England 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Time For Verse 11.40 Farming World 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Dave Gelly's Songbook 1.45 Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man 2.00 News 2.09 *News About Britain* 2.15 *Tech Talk* 2.30 Citizens 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3



Villa-Lobos: conducts Radio 3 concert at 10.00am

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Johannn Stamitz (Oboe Concerto in C: Jiri Krejci, with Prague CO), Hummel (Piano Concerto in B minor, Op 89: Stephen Hough and ECO)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert (continued): Dvorak (*Slavonic Dances*, Nos 1, 2 and 4: Michel Beroff and Jean-Philippe Collard, pianos), Mozart (Symphony No 38: Concertgebouw)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. How Lovely are the Messengers (from the oratorio St Paul: St Paul's Cathedral Choir); and excerpts from Elijah (New Philharmonia Choir and Orchestra, with soloists Gwyneth Jones, Janet Baker, Nicolai Gedda, Fischer-Dieskau
10.00 Villa-Lobos conducts Villa-Lobos: recordings of Bachianas Brasileiras, No 1 for cello ensemble; and No 2 for orchestra
10.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts (r)
11.10 BBC Philharmonic, under Avi Ostrowsky. With Takayoshi Wanami (violin). Brahms (Violin Concerto), Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Piano recital from Bristol: Angela Hewitt plays *Mendelssohn's Variations* serieuses, Op 54; and *Schumann's Humoreske* in B flat, Op 20
2.00 Des Teufels Lustschloss (The Devil's Pleasuredrome): three-act magical opera by Schubert. *Sung in German. Bruno Weil* conducts Austrian Radio Choir and Symphony Orchestra. Principals include Josef Protschka, Edith Mathis, Paul Wolfrum, Jolanta Radek and Anne Tedards
4.00 Delius, Britten, and Elgar: Kenneth Sillito (violin) and Anthony Goldstone (piano). Delius (Sonata No 3), Britten (Sonatina romantica for solo piano), Elgar (Sonata in E minor)
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: music selection on records, presented by Andrew Keener
6.25 Bandstand: Camborne Town Band under Stephen Sykes. Peder Holm's March for Herbert, Paul Patterson's Chromascope, and Henry Geehl's Rhapsody on the Cornish Coast
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 A Left-Handed Legacy: Ashkenazy with the LSO under Previn in Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 4. Also, Blumenfeld's Study (Simon Barere, piano)
7.30 Bournemouth SO, under Janos Furst. With Gyorgy Pauk (violin), Allson Pearce (soprano), Brian Rayner Cook (baritone). Part one. Schumann (the overture Genovava), and Beethoven (Violin Concerto)
8.25 Poetry Now: Peter Porter introduces readings by poets including Rachel Blaka, Edwin Brock, John Figueroa, Paul Munden, and Lesley Saunders
8.45 Concert: part two. Nielsen (Symphony No 3)
9.30 The Last Appointment: Alec McCowen reads the short story by Douglas Eves (r)
9.45 Guitar music: Roberto Aussel plays Giovanni Zamboni's Suite in A minor (transcribed by Hinojosa), and Bach's Suite in E, BWV 1006a
10.20 Music in our Time: members of the Arditti String Quartet, with Spectrum, and Claude Helffer (piano). Conducted by Guy Protheroe. Works by Xenakis (Ikhoor; Akea: N'Shima; Dikthas; Eonta)
11.35 First Night: The Renaissance Theatre Companyproduction of Twelfth Night at the Riverside Studios, London, is assessed by Philip Brady
11.45 Leclair's Legacy: the overture in A, Op 14, performed by Reinhard Goebel and Hajo Bass (baroque violins), Charles Medlam (baroque cello), and Henk Bouman (harpsichord)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown



Jenny Jay in This Year's Model, BBC2, 11.35am

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Time and Place 12.00-12.05am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.00am-11.00 Dolcamara 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87 **11.00-11.30** International Boxing from the Ulster Hall **11.30-11.40** Save a Life **11.40-11.45** News and Weather. ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 5.30pm-5.55 Masterteam

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-8.00 Murder, She Wrote 10.30 Cambridge Folk Festival **11.00** Kojak **12.00** Donahue **1.00**pm The Forum Presents 2.00-2.30 Cover Story 5.00 Once Upon a Time...Man 5.30 Easy Street 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 Clegg's People 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.30 Magnum **11.30** Matthew Brown Pool Classic **12.30**am Closedown.

VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Sportsworld 12.00 Film: Rollover *2.10am Dateline Thursday* 3.10 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Farmhouse Kitchen 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans *2.00-3.30 Child's Play 6.00 Channel Report* 6.30-6.35 Home Cookery 10.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Party With the Rovers 12.00 Industry Year 12.05am The Baron 1.00 Weather and closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Country Practice 2.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 10.30 New *North* 11.00 *9 to 5* 11.30 Louis Armstrong Remembered 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 West This Week 11.10 *Weekend Outlook* 11.15 Hunter 12.15am Yoko Ono Lennon — *Then and Now* 1.15 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30 Wales This Week 11.00-11.15 New Squaredonaires.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm *News 1.00-2.00 Country Practice* 3.00 Human Factor 3.25-4.00 That's the Law 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 10.30 Scottish Questions 11.15 America's Top Ten 11.45 Late Call 11.50 Crann Tara 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00 Today 6.35 Survival of the Fittest 6.55 Tglaswyrs 7.00-7.30 Easy Street 10.32 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.25 Band of the Year 12.25am Possexpt. Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm *The Young Doctors* 12.50 News 1.00 Farmhouse Kitchen 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00-3.30 Child's Play 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.30 Prisoner: *Cell Block H* 11.30 Agenda 12.00 Employment Action! 12.05am The Baron 1.00 Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm News 1.00-1.55 Outsiders 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.32 First Edition 11.30 Murder, She Wrote: Menace Anyone? 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm *Newstime 1.00 Short Story Theatre* 1.30-2.00 Out of Town 3.30-4.00 Bygones 6.00 Soc Tonight 6.35-6.35 Police Six 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Finding Fax Future 12.00 Easy Street 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

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S4C *Starts:12.00am Film: An Inspector Calls"* 11.30 Just 4 Fun 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Film: Happy Land" 3.30 Munsters" 4.00 *Ffatelliam* 4.15 Sam Tan 4.25 Haloc 5.00 Stilat 5.30 I Dream of Jeanne 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Moneyspinner 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Cod Pees 8.00 Pfarmio 8.35 Stid 9.35 Hill Street Blues 10.45 Court Report 12.15 Their Lordships' House 12.30am *Film: The State of Things"* 2.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to make their own investigative radio programme. With Susan Marling and Nigel Farrell
9.45 An Infamous Address: Visits to the scenes of past celebrated crimes, scandals and intrigue (5) The Priory, Balham, and the murder of Charles Bravo. With Roger Wilkes
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling with the latest wildlife news
10.45 An Act of Worship: from Broadcasting House, in London (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens. Second this week's episodes (omnibus edition on Saturday)
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to pianist John Lill (see Choice)
11.50 Through My Window: Glyn Worsnip enjoys the view from his home, between the Wye and Severn rivers
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 Dial M for Pizza: Comedy sketch series with Robert Bathurst, Brenda Blethyn, Mike Grady and Jonathan Kydd **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: with Jenni Murray. Includes another instalment of *Harriette Wilson's Memoirs*
3.00 News; High Fantastical: Five magical plays (2) *The Beast* of Long Mindham, by Debbie Cook. With Jon Glover, Karen Archer, and Andrea Kealy heading the cast (s)
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde delves into Good Housekeeping magazine's new reprints from wartime editions
4.35 Kaleidoscope: a second chance to hear last night's edition, which included comments on the film My Sweet Little Village; new recordings featuring Simon Rattle; the Faber Book of Reportage; and Cinderella: The Real True Story, at the Drill Hall Arts Centre
5.00 PM. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? A chance to air your views on some of the subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?, introduced by Derek Jones
7.30 Wildlife Encore: Serengeti. Barry Paine reports on the many animals in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park.
8.15 Analysis: David Steel MP, Leader of the Liberal Party, in conversation with Peter Hennessy
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?: Magazine of special interest to the disabled
9.30 Phil Smith in the BBC Sound Archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope: with Paul Allen. Includes comment on the new film Housekeeping; Lyle the Crocodile, at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith; and the book Selected Letters of Richard Wagner
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Gentile Jewesses; by Muriel Spark. The reader is Vivienna Dixon **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw
11.15 The Financial World Tonigh
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45**am For Schools. **9.05** *Preview* **9.10** *Together — An* Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living *Language* **9.50** *First Steps in* Drama **10.10** Something to Think *About* **10.20** *Discovery* **10.30** Talkwaves **11.00-12.00** For Schools **11.00** *Teachers' Talk* **11.05** In the News **11.30** Stories *from Our Street* **11.50** *Listening* and Reading **1.55-3.00**pm For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Let's Make a Story! **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry) **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10**am Schools Night-Time. Science Problem Solving 'The Great Mulgravian Jewel Robbery'.

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RADIO CHOICE



Interviewer Sue MacGregor

● All generalizations are suspect. But when it comes to radio interviewers, one generalization less suspect than most is that women listen intently to replies whereas men cannot wait to get in with the next question. Take the case of an archetype, Sue MacGregor, whose Conversation Piece series continues on Radio 4, at 11.25am. She is talking this morning to the pianist John Lill. Along the line, he lets slip that he is short tempered. that he is influenced by spiritual forces, is pre-emininently a Beethoven man, and is mathematically and architecturally inclined when it comes to pastimes. Miss MacGregor takes no more than a second to digest these points before regurgitating them as questions that throw a most revealing light on both the personal and the professional philosophies of a musician who is sufficiently adaptable to sit concurrently on the juries of the Leeds International Piano Competition and that same city's contest for the best pub pianist. I don't think it is only that Miss MacGregor does her homework well (although she obviously does). She is, as I have implied, a marvellous snapper-up of dropped clues.

Peter Davalle

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Judges told to avoid politics

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, warned judges last night against more active methods of law-making which would draw them into the political arena and ultimately "undermine the collaborative process between the legislature and the judiciary".

If judges adopted the practice of some American state courts and elsewhere of "prospective overruling" – by which decisions affect only future cases even if earlier judgements are held to be wrong – it would increase their opportunity to change the law.

This might "provoke political and constitutional problems about the relationship between the legislature and the judiciary in the law-making process".

Lord Mackay, who was giving the 1987 Maccabaean Lecture in jurisprudence at the British Academy, said some judges had expressed the view that it was time to consider whether the doctrine that judges merely declare the law should be dropped.

Judges did have a role in law-making but some changes were best left to Parliament, he said. Family law was a good example of "where change is not best promoted by judges but rather by parliament with the advice of the two Law Commissions".

He warned "prospective overruling" would damage the public perception of judges as "impartial figures who seek to administer justice according to law".

This would particularly be so where judges were called on to reach decisions about the application of legislation designed to give effect to policies "which have been the subject of intense public and parliamentary controversy, such as in industrial relations".

For judges to change the law to give effect to recommendations which have been rejected by Parliament could be regarded as "a usurpation of the functions which properly belong to the legislature".

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The King's Cross 'inquisitors'



Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, heading the inquiry, with panel from left: Major Anthony King, Professor Bernard Crossland and Dr Alan Roberts.

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proceedings with a period of silence in memory of those who died.

He said: "This inquiry is inquisitorial – an exercise designed to establish the cause and to make recommendations which will make a recurrence less likely. Those who died deserve nothing less. And I hope it will be conducted in a constructive spirit and not one which descends into recrimination."

However, Mr Michael Tomlinson, representing the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, whose members include engineers, inspectors, supervisors and other white collar staff, said that questions might be asked about the role of TSSA members, and "there may be some very heavy cross-examination".

Mr Fennell said that if any criticism of members of the TSSA emerged, they would be given every opportunity to answer those criticisms.

The inquiry panel under Mr Fennell includes Sir Peter Darby, Professor Bernard Crossland, Dr Alan Roberts and Major Anthony King.

Mr Henderson said a model of the King's Cross underground station was being prepared and a full-scale section of part of the escalator where the fire started would also be available.

He would call not only witnesses who could help to identify the cause of the fire, but also those with information about the state of the underground system.

He wants to hear about staffing levels at the station and whether they were adequate. He also wants to know about the staff's "routines, complaints and grievances" and about training, especially in emergency procedures.

Lawyers preparing material for the inquiry will wish to call only witnesses who can make a significant contribution, and they will try to avoid too much duplication.



Mr Roger Henderson, QC, leading presentation of evidence (Photographs: Graham Wood).

Lords sketch

A chuckle with Yesterday's Man

In the Central Lobby of the Palace of Westminster, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx passed through the mass of tourists, students, delegations and pressure groups unnoticed and, quite possibly, unremembered.

In the House of Lords itself, his successor as prime minister, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, sat with his customary contentment next to the recently elevated Lord Jay. Behind him were the forgotten, hence much loved, faces of trade unionists and Labour spokesmen from the era of the mini-skirt, flower power and the pound in your pocket.

They were gathered together for a Debate To Call Attention To The State Of The World Economy And Its Effect On The United Kingdom.

"Is my Noble Friend aware that I parked my car by mistake in a disabled lot at the airport and was wheel-clamped?" asked Lord Nugent of Guildford. There were a few important matters to sort out before the fun began. From the far end entered Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, propelled by two walking sticks, moving forwards in a way reminiscent of the most fearsome of crabs.

Lord Thorneycroft, due to kick off the great debate, sat cheerily in his seat, nodding and smiling and waving at His Noble Friends as they took their places.

Lord Hatch of Lusby was cross that he had not been allowed to raise the question of the grim future of the Sharpeville Six, whose sentence to death in South Africa surely constituted a matter of some urgency. "Order! Order! Order!" chorused the Government benches, attempting to drown him out in a tide of mirthful complacency.

As Leader of the House of Lords, Lord Whitelaw attempted to explain his decision. "I can only say to the House that I trust I am right, one can't always be sure, but I believe I have done my duty".

Lord Hatch rose again. "My Lords ..." "Order! Order!" "My Lords ..." "Order! Order!" It was as if the prophet Ezekiel had put his head round the door of a chinwag at the Darby and Joan club. Not that man again, they mumbled. Lord Hatch made further protests and then resumed his seat. Lord Thorneycroft, his greetings done, took to his feet.

"I rise to move the motion standing in my name upon this order paper", he began, the party entertainer who needed no introduction. Earlier this year, he described himself as one of Yesterday's Men. Content in this knowledge, and probably thriving on it, he gives the impression of constantly suppressing a chuckle in deference to the humourless around him. As the smile plays upon his lips he looks much like Sir John Betjeman, sharing with him that enviable sense of being only half in the room, the other half having much more fun in some far merrier place.

Lord Thorneycroft first stressed that this was not a debate for dogma or for party division. Those onlookers more used to the House of Commons looked strangely distressed. From his speech, it seemed that it would instead be a debate for vague reassurance and a few after-dinner jokes.

"A shop steward recently spoke to me and he said 'Lord Thorneycroft', he said – and I speak in the vernacular – 'Lord Thorneycroft, if it wasn't for those Japs we'd still be sitting on our arses glaring at one another'."

His speech carried on in this chummy music hall manner, accompanied by lavish gesticulation and wide-ranging eye-contact, to be followed by the more meticulous and straight-faced speeches from Lords Bruce, Ezra, and Richardson, all reassuringly dreary.

As those eyes that remained in the Chamber began to glaze over, Lord Young of Graffham, gold watch twinkling, double-breasted suit fitting just a mite too snugly for a gentleman, took to his shiny-shod feet.

He was full to the brim with welcome signs, businesses mushrooming, exports rising, and confidence restoring. Alas, owing to a long-standing engagement he could not stay for the rest of the debate. They would have to get on without him.

Happily, they didn't seem to mind one bit.

Craig Brown

Wright prompts secrets shake-up

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cannot punish an official but may seek injunctions preventing repetition of the breach or to retrieve any money earned as a result of the breach.

Mr Shepherd said that correspondence with the Prime Minister had convinced him the Government has a more drastic change in the law in mind than a mere replacement of sections of the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Shepherd is proposing the repeal of Section Two of the Official Secrets Act and its replacement by a set of clauses that would spell out certain categories of official information, for example to do with defence or national security.

If an official published material under these headings he could be convicted, unless he pleaded he was acting in the public interest. In an echo of the Wright affair, the Shepherd Bill would allow information to be published in Britain without penalty if it had been published somewhere else in the world beforehand.

Sir Robert Armstrong, head of the civil service has recommended that civil servants, including secret agents, be given a right to take any grievance to the head of the civil service, who himself has an automatic right to take any matter affecting Whitehall or the Security Service to the Prime Minister of the day.

Giving evidence in the *Spycatcher* trial last week Sir Robert acknowledged that a Crown servant might, if he had exhausted all the channels within the Civil Service, make public an issue involving wrong-doing or abuse of power.

In a "note of guidance" yesterday Sir Robert said: "a Civil Servant should not be required to do anything unlawful".

Sinn Fein man is held

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Initially he can be held for 48 hours and his detention can then be extended for another five days.

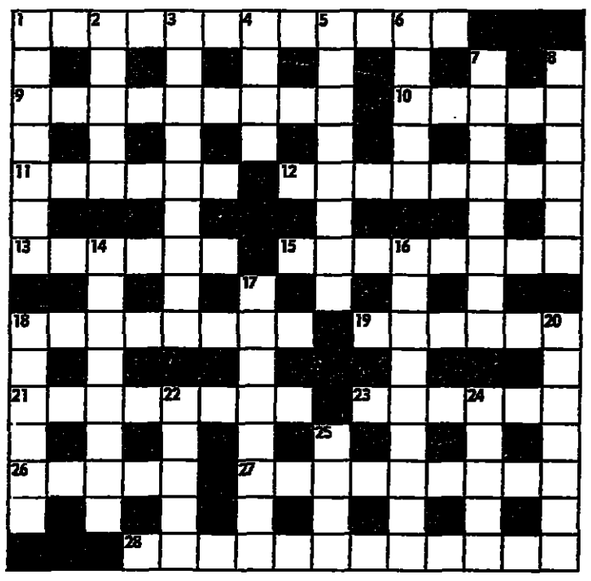
He was picked up by police yesterday morning as he was taking children to school.

Born in the Bogside district of Londonderry in 1950, Mr McGuinness has been an active republican since 1969. He has been imprisoned several times. In 1972 he was a member of an IRA delegation in London who met Lord Whitelaw, who was then Northern Ireland Secretary.

● **Wilson attacked:** Lord Wilson, the former Prime Minister, has been criticized by Dr Garret FitzGerald for meeting IRA leaders in 1971. Speaking on a BBC schools' broadcast Dr FitzGerald, the former Irish Prime Minister, said that this meeting was "an appalling act of treachery" on the part of the then Mr Wilson.

● **Court appearance:** The Maze prison escaper, Dermot Finnucane, whose extradition to Northern Ireland is being sought by the RUC, appeared at Longford District Court yesterday in the Irish Republic. He was remanded in custody until December 18.

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ACROSS

1 Part of picture set in no man's land? (6,6).
9 A panel met, perhaps, outside surgery (4-5).
10 River Volga changing character (5).
11 Control approach, coming in to this (6).
12 Queen's to arrive in state (8).
13 Bob, for example, holds musical party (4-2).
15 Trout – or sole bonne femme, perhaps? (8).
18 Bird seen in country bar (8).
19 The customer's right – within limits of credit (6).
21 He sings piece of music with one vocal expression (8).
23 Perfect surface appearance (6).
26 Cosmetic in large vessel (5).
27 Like traffic lights, standard in some countries (9).
28 Clear demonstration from something further off (6,6).

Concise crossword, page 10

DOWN

1 Not a subject of interest to lepidopterists (7).
2 Forceful person's protest overlooks one point (5).
3 European the French and German scheme included (9).
4 Vehemently attack lecher (4).
5 Change of pace trio needed for this type of music (8).
6 Labourer opposed to entering service (5).
7 Minor irritation making one run round somewhat (4-4).
8 Joint position controller is in (6).
14 Blissfully lacking defence? (8).
16 Hiding place belonging to an individual eagle, almost certainly (4,2,3).
17 Novel given this title-page embellishment initially (8).
18 Liable to shift one's position (6).
20 I ran union governed from here (7).
22 Beat characters involved in both robberies (5).
24 Sailors used to get clapped in these clubs! (5).
25 Produce invention making lots of money (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PILLEDOW
a. A duvet
b. An instrument of torture
c. A priest

LIG
a. Volcanic granite
b. To climb with crampons
c. A musical evening

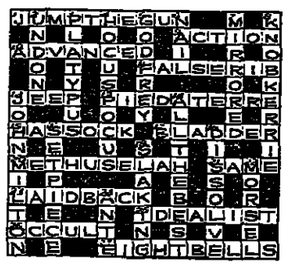
LATEBRICOLE
a. A Baroque window
b. Living in a hole
c. A mode in plainsong

BOFFOLA
a. A buffalo/cow cross
b. Money paid to a tart
c. A laugh

SAULIE
a. A hired mourner
b. A young salmon
c. Victorian underwear

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,529



WEATHER

Between high pressure to the north, and low pressure to the south, a strong easterly wind will affect the southern half of the country. It will be cloudy, with outbreaks of rain or sleet during the evening. Northern Ireland and Scotland will be brighter with a sharp frost in the Highlands. Dense fog will linger in sheltered glens. Outlook: Becoming milder as rain moves north, with snow in the Cairngorms.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Majorca	f	14	57
Alex'dria	f	22	72	Malta	f	16	61
Algiers	c	17	63	Melb'rne	f	14	57
Amst'dm	c	3	37	Miami*	c	22	72
Athens	r	13	55	Milan	s	11	52
Bahrain	f	24	75	Montreal*	c	3	37
Barbados*	f	29	84	Moscow	c	-1	30
Belgrade	c	4	39	Munich	c	0	32
Berlin	c	4	39	Nairobi	f	25	79
Biarritz	s	8	46	N Delhi	s	26	79
Brussels	f	2	36	Nice	s	13	55
Budapest	r	4	39	Oslo	f	-4	25
B Aires*	s	36	97	Paris	c	3	37
Cairo	f	22	72	Peking	s	3	37
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Perth	s	29	84
Chicago*	sn	1	34	Reykjvik	r	9	48
Ch'church	f	21	70	Rhodes	f	19	66
Cologne	c	3	37	Rome	s	13	55
C'phaga	s	2	36	Salzburg	c	2	36
Corfu	th	15	59	S F'isco*	c	16	61
Dublin	f	8	46	Santiago*	s	29	84
Faro	f	17	63	Seoul	s	-2	28
Florence	r	9	48	Sing'por	f	30	86
Funchal	f	16	61	Stockh'm	c	3	37
Geneva	c	4	39	Sydney	c	19	66
Gibraltar	d	14	57	Tangier	c	15	59
Helsinki	s	3	37	Tel Aviv	f	21	70
Hong K	c	13	55	Tenerife	f	21	70
Istanbul	r	12	54	Tokyo	s	9	48
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tunis	f	17	63
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Valencia	r	9	48
Karachi	s	21	70	Vanc'ver*	r	8	46
L Palmas	f	22	72	Venice	s	10	50
Lisbon	c	9	48	Vienna	sn	1	34
Locarno	c	7	45	Warsaw	c	1	34
L Angels*	s	15	59	Wash'ton*	f	8	46
Luxmbg	c	1	34	Wel'ton	c	15	59
Madrid	r	2	36	Zurich	c	1	34

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.4	-	7	45	bright
Cromer	0.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.1	.01	6	43	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	5	41	cloudy
Folkestone	1.0	-	5	41	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.2	-	5	41	dull
Brighton	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	6	43	dull
Falmouth	-	-	6	43	dull
Scilly Isles	-	-	7	45	gales
Guernsey	-	.01	6	43	cloudy
Newquay	0.3	-	5	41	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	dull
Minehead	-	-	5	41	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	5.9	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	4.7	.01	7	45	sunny
Douglas	-	-	7	45	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	3.6	.01	5	41	sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Carlisle	0.5	-	6	43	cloudy
London	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Manchester	2.7	-	7	45	bright
N'cstl-o-Tyne	1.4	.05	7	45	bright
Nottingham	0.7	.01	5	41	shower
Anglesey	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	1.4	-	6	43	cloudy
Aviemore	4.4	-	-1	30	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.4	-	5	41	sunny
Glasgow	6.0	-	7	45	sunny
Lerwick	1.0	-	5	41	bright
Prestwick	5.8	-	6	43	sunny
Tiree	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
Wick	3.5	-	5	41	sunny
Belfast	4.7	-	7	45	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.14	6.7
Aberdeen	11.53	4.0	—	—
Avonmouth	5.25	12.2	5.49	12.5
Belfast	9.27	3.3	9.43	3.4
Cardiff	5.10	11.3	5.34	11.5
Devonport	4.01	5.3	4.20	5.3
Dover	9.14	6.3	9.46	6.2
Falmouth	3.31	5.1	3.50	5.1
Glasgow	11.01	4.5	11.30	4.7
Harwich	9.59	3.7	10.35	3.8
Holyhead	8.42	5.2	8.54	5.3
Hull	4.17	7.0	5.01	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.07	8.3	4.30	8.6
Leith	12.30	5.4	1.05	5.3
Liverpool	9.34	8.7	9.50	8.9
Lowestoft	7.20	2.4	8.16	2.3
Margate	10.07	4.5	10.54	4.5
Milford Haven	4.27	6.4	4.49	6.6
Newquay	3.31	6.4	3.42	6.6
Oban	4.10	3.6	4.29	3.8
Penzance	3.04	5.4	3.22	5.4
Portland	5.01	2.0	5.33	2.0
Portsmouth	9.41	4.6	10.04	4.5
Shoreham	9.22	5.9	9.50	5.8
Southampton	9.17	4.4	9.38	4.3
Swansea	4.37	8.9	4.58	9.1
Tees	1.45	5.2	2.20	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	9.53	3.9	10.31	4.0

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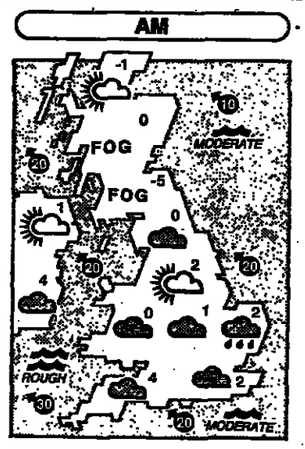
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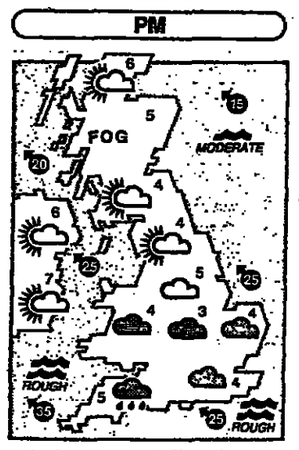
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.66	2.62
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.30	62.80
Canada $	2.463	2.343
Denmark Kr	12.00	11.40
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.52	10.02
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	270	250
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.80
Ireland Pt	1.174	1.114
Italy Lire	2285	2175
Japan Yen	251	239
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.32
Norway Kr	12.14	11.49
Portugal Esc	254	239
South Africa Rd	4.55	3.95
Spain Pta	209	198
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.71
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.41
USA $	1.885	1.795
Yugoslavia Dnr	3100	2400

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed up 17.8 at 1266.9





LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1032.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am,5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.004 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Round Island, Isles of Scilly, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Manston, Kent, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Newquay and Penzance, Cornwall, and Tenby, Dyfed, 7 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.26 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 7.53 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.33 am

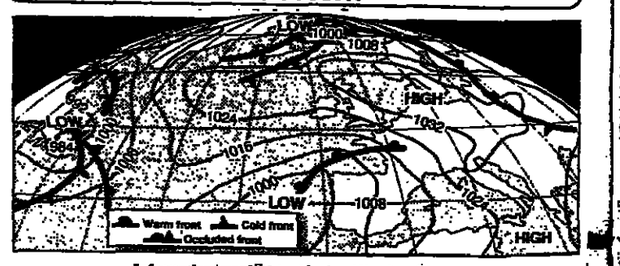
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	6	43	Guernsey	c	4	39
B'mingham	c	4	39	Inverness	s	0	32
Blackpool	s	7	45	Jersey	c	4	39
Bristol	c	5	41	London	c	6	43
Cardiff	c	5	41	M'chester	s	7	45
Edinburgh	s	8	46	Newcastle	c	7	45
Glasgow	s	7	45	N'ioldaway	c	7	45

Sun rises: 7.46 am
Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon sets 5.51 am
Moon rises 2.22 pm
Full moon December 5th

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1266.9 (+17.1)

FT-SE 100
1590.3 (+11.8)

Bargains
20499 (25280)

USM (Datastream)
115.83 (–10.17)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8150 (–0.0055)

W German mark
2.9993 (+0.0046)

Trade-weighted
76.1 (–0.1)

Bonn acts to boost growth

Markets unsettled by interest rate doubts

By John England and David Smith

The West German cabinet yesterday approved a DM21 billion (£7 billion) subsidized investment credits programme, as Bonn's contribution to fostering world economic growth.

The package, which was widely expected, had little impact on the financial markets. Of greater concern were last-minute worries over the Bundesbank's decision on its discount rate, to be taken at its fortnightly Council meeting in Frankfurt today.

Officials of the Bonn government have talked of the possibility of a discount rate reduction of up to 1 percentage point, from the present 3 per cent level, suggesting that a substantial reduction had already been agreed.

But the Bundesbank raised doubts about this when it announced yesterday afternoon that it would not hold a press conference after the Council meeting.

Bundesbank officials stressed that this did not provide any signal as to the likely outcome of today's meeting. But it has been normal practice for important policy changes to be followed by a press conference.

Market expectations have centred on a half-point reduction in the discount rate, which would take it to a record low of 2.5 per cent. A reduction of less than this would hit the dollar.

These doubts trimmed the dollar's gains. It ended in London 0.75 of a pfennig up at DM1.6525, but marginally down against the yen at Y132.70, from Y132.85.

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The pound limited its fall against the dollar to half a cent, at $1.8150. At one stage yesterday the pound dropped to $1.80.

Dollar sentiment was also adversely affected by comments by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, when he said a new Group of Seven accord required further action than just the US budget deal. His comments were interpreted as indicating that no early G7 meeting is likely.

The DM21 billion, three-year loans programme involves DM15 billion of loans to municipalities for urban renewal and environmental projects, with the remainder available directly to firms.

The cost to the government is relatively small, involving only the subsidy element of the loan, and is expected to be comfortably below DM1 billion over the three-year period. A similar package of loans in the early 1980s was not fully taken up.

Herr Martin Bangemann, the economics minister, said at a joint press conference with Herr Stoltenberg that the credits programme could stimulate investments totalling more than DM40 billion. Added to tax cuts next year totalling DM14 billion, and the tax reform planned for 1990, the programme would contribute to lasting, inflation-free economic growth.

The government would also continue to pursue its polic of privatization.



In the chair: Lawrence of Lloyd's (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

PER set for the private sector

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Government yesterday announced plans to privatize Professional and Executive Recruitment (PER), the publicly funded job-finding service for professional, technical, scientific and managerial posts.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, announced in a written Commons reply that Lloyds Merchant Bank has been appointed to advise the Government on how the service can be transferred out of the public sector.

Mr Fowler told Mr Michael Jack, the Conservative MP for Fylde, that the consultancy and advertising recruitment services operated by PER for employers wishing to fill professional, technical, supervisory and management vacancies were performed on a commercial basis.

The service charges fees to employers and earns revenue from its free newspaper, *Executive Post*. It operates from a nationwide network.

He went on: "There is extensive and effective private sector provision in the activities which PER provides on a fee-charging basis. The Government's view is that activities of an obviously commercial nature are better carried on in the private sector".

Lloyds Merchant Bank is to report to Mr Fowler on the options for privatization of the service early in the New Year.

PER, which was established in 1974 and has the largest executive recruitment network in Britain, with 340 staff at its 35 offices, has an annual turnover of £9 million.

Since October it has been part of the Employment Service launched by the Department of Employment when it took over the Jobcentre network from the former Manpower Services Commission.

Saatchis 'not going private'

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising group which it has been suggested might want to withdraw from the stock market because of the recent battering taken by its share price, yesterday declared that it has no intention of going private.

The recent shakeout on the London Stock Exchange has seen the market capitalization of the group tumble from £1.06 billion to £595.7 million, with the share price coming down from a peak of 698p in July to a low point of 325p on November 11.

The shares rose 5p to 378p yesterday when the group announced a 77 per cent pretax profits growth to £124.1 million for the year to September 30 on turnover of £3.95 billion (£2.09 billion). It is paying a final dividend of 8.1p a share (6.6p), making 14.5p for the year.

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Salvesen up

Christian Salvesen, the food distribution and industrial services group, disappointed the market with pretax profits of £23.6 million for the six months to end-September, up from £21.6 million last year. Turnover increased 26 per cent to £131.2 million. An interim dividend of 1.5p was declared (1.4p).

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Viyella move

Coats Viyella, the textile group, is seeking shareholders' permission to buy in up to 14.91 per cent, or 78.2 million, of its own shares.

Small rise in reserves

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's official reserves were virtually unchanged last month, against market expectations of a substantial rise. The figures showed the Bank of England did not make any serious attempt to halt the dollar's slide.

The reserves rose by an underlying $31 million (£17 million) last month, after the massive $6.7 billion increase in October. City analysts had expected a rise last month of about $1 billion.

Until Tuesday's modest co-ordinated intervention to support the dollar, little Bank support had been detected in the markets, despite an 11 cent sterling rise last month.

The Bank, in line with other leading central banks, appears to have decided there was little justification for stepping in to support the dollar when market sentiment towards the US currency was overwhelmingly bearish.

Indeed, there were indications that the Bank could have moved in to support the pound against the mark earlier in the month when it fell to DM2.97.

Treasury officials stressed the underlying strength of the reserves, citing a rise of $17 billion this year.

They also said policy remained firmly committed towards maintaining a stable exchange rate for the pound, particularly against the mark, in line with statements by the Chancellor and action by the authorities in the foreign exchange markets.

Comments by the Prime Minister last month, when she said there was no policy of holding the pound steady against the mark, referred to the fact that there was no formal link between the two currencies, officials said.

Mr Bill Martin, an economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said the time had come for the Government to reconsider the policy of a stable sterling-mark rate.

"I don't think they can be oblivious to the effect of sterling on the economy," he said.

There was an actual fall of $118 million in the reserves last month to $41.281 billion from $41.399 billion at the end of October. However, after allowing for borrowings of $100 million and repayments of $187 million under the exchange cover scheme, together with other repayments of $62 million, the underlying rise was $31 million.

In sterling terms, the dollar's weakness produced an even sharper fall in the reserves, from £24.027 billion at the end of October to £22.533 billion last month.

The Treasury yesterday announced changes in the exchange cover scheme, under which nationalized industries and local authorities can borrow from abroad. In future, exchange cover will only apply on loans exceeding $25 million.

UK RESERVES

	Reserves ($m)	Change ($m)
Feb	22,257	+287
Mar	27,039*	+1,785
Apr	29,807	+2,912
May	34,679	+4,760
June	34,384	-230
July	34,915	+499
Aug	34,365	-457
Sept	34,808	+380
Oct	41,399	+6,699
Nov	41,281	+31

*Includes gold revaluation of $895m

Underwriting chairman for Lloyd's

By Alison Eadie

Mr Murray Lawrence was yesterday elected chairman of Lloyd's of London by the insurance market's ruling council.

The election was no surprise as Mr Lawrence has been senior deputy chairman for the past three years. He will take over as chairman on January 1 from Mr Peter Miller, who is stepping down as chairman after four years in the job.

Mr Lawrence paid tribute to his predecessor saying that great achievements and progress had been made under his energetic and determined leadership. The election of Mr Lawrence switches the chairmanship of Lloyd's back to the underwriting side. Mr Miller is a broker.

Mr Lawrence yesterday outlined the issues he believes need to be faced in the future as bringing services and systems up to the same high standard as that of the basic underwriting business and making the best possible use of modern technology.

Mr Lawrence, aged 52, was educated at Winchester College and Trinity College, Oxford. He came to Lloyd's in 1957 when he joined CT Bowring, the broker. He switched to underwriting in 1962.

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Abell fails to halt TV on insiders

By Lawrence Lever

Mr David Abell, the chairman and chief executive of Suter, the engineering group, failed to secure a High Court injunction yesterday to prevent a Channel 4 programme called *The Insiders* from being shown at 8pm today.

Mr Abell, who was interviewed for the programme, issued a statement last night saying that he had never been involved in insider trading. He added: "If any such suggestion is contained in the programme, appropriate action will be taken."

The programme was made by Fulcrum, an independent production company, and looks at insider dealing, concert parties and other aspects of takeover activity.

Fulcrum has interviewed a number of people about share dealings carried out through an account held with a Swiss banking institution called Sterling Trust SA.

It has examined purchases made via the Sterling Trust SA account in companies in which Suter has subsequently announced a large stake, or for which it has launched a takeover bid.

One situation that the programme makers have examined is the build up, through Sterling Trust, of a stake in James Neill Holdings, a Sheffield toolmaker about the beginning of 1984.

Lawson faces BP decision

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

BP is facing the prospect of the Government once more holding a third of its shares, after the disastrous response to the Treasury's offer to sell its stake to raise £6 billion.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to decide over the coming weekend whether he will extend the life of the Bank of England scheme to buy back the shares for a guaranteed 70p — compared with the 120p price at which they were offered and underwritten — or to issue the required five days' notice that it will end.

The scheme can end at the earliest on December 11 or at the latest by January 6, but Mr Lawson is understood to have been advised, with the share price hovering about the 70p mark, to leave the offer on the table for as long as possible.

The share sale was a victim of the collapse in prices in the stock market, which started four days after the sell-off price was set.

At the present market price it would be inevitable that all the shares now held by the underwriting companies and many of the 270,000 small investors who bought on average 100 shares at the 120p offer price would go back to the Government via the Bank of England.

The Bank has said that it is prepared to take "all and every" share offered to it. The process has been kept as simple as possible, with the Bank meeting all stamp duty costs involved and making no dealing charges.

The Government has calculated that even if a price of 90p is offered by brokers to investors wishing to sell the shares it would still be worthwhile for the Bank's 70p offer to be taken.

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Siemens joins MK battle

By Cliff Feltham

The prospects of a three-way international takeover battle loomed last night after MK Electric, the plugs and sockets group fighting a hostile bid from RTZ, announced it was holding talks with Siemens, the West German electronics group.

The stock market, sensing the growing possibility of an auction for control of MK, marked the shares 36p higher at 703p, valuing the business at more than £260 million.

MK said the discussions with Siemens, with which it has had long-standing commercial ties, "may or may not lead to an offer for the company."

It urged its shareholders to sit tight and not sell their shares.

Siemens, one of West Germany's leading blue-chip companies, has emerged as the second possible rival bidder for MK and looks like the white knight the British company has been seeking.

Legrand, the French electrical group, last week launched a dawn raid to pick up a 4.2 per cent stake in MK and said it was anxious to enter into talks.

Last night, Mr Derek Birkin, the chief executive of RTZ, which has built up a 22 per cent stake in MK and is bidding 550p a share, said: "These are interesting developments but as far as we are concerned there is only one offer on the table so far, and that is ours.

"I assume MK is trying to do the best it can for its shareholders but I believe our offer remains the best one for the company. We shall just watch events with interest."

The rise in the MK share price last night means RTZ is sitting on a £12.5 million profit on its investment.

Last night a spokesman for Kleinwort Benson, MK's merchant banking adviser, said the company would prefer a tie-up with Siemens.

"If MK is to do a deal at all it would prefer one with Siemens. It has a lot of respect for its technology. The discussions that have taken place so far indicate there is a serious interest on the part of Siemens," he said.

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Government anxious for 'light touch' from Brussels

Lord finds a Common appeal

By Colin Narbrough

The Government yesterday gave a firm pledge of creating a truly Common Market, but made clear that it wants the EEC to regulate with a "light touch" and not to erase every national difference.

In a keynote speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs detailing the Government stance, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, stressed that the economic benefits of a single market in goods and services is the main consideration, not harmonizing taxation.

Lord Young, who told the Conservative Party Conference in October that forming one market out of the 12 EEC member states would be like a "crusade", said the momentum towards reaching this goal by 1992 was now "irreversible" and would be strengthened by the use of majority voting in the Community.

"The message I want to get across is that completion of the single market is now inevitable and remaining barriers will be swept away during the next five years," he said.

The Government will do everything it can to ensure that the British businessman is aware of the challenge and faces up to it. Despite heightened interest in the single market in recent months, a sample of companies questioned by the Department of Trade and Industry showed only 15 per cent aware of the 1992 target date, he added.

Lord Young said the Community's increasing importance to Britain is demonstrated by the fact that 50 per cent of British exports, worth £35 billion, went to the EEC last year, plus £22 billion in invisibles. Imports were higher still, which was a challenge in itself.

The EEC now offers a potential home market of 320 million people, nearly as large as the US and Japan combined, he noted.

He saw vital lessons to be learned from America, whose single market already provided economic benefits, innovation and dynamism. But that was not to say that the US market was fully integrated, and taxes and exise duties vary from state to state.

"The important lesson surely is that the economic benefits I have mentioned have been achieved without formal legislation in this area." The Commission might begin with economic benefits rather than look at harmonization as the "guiding principle."

In keeping with his drive at home to allow the market forces to work, Lord Young said the Government wants more than free trade in Europe and is against building a fence of "unnecessary and burdensome" regulation.

"The creation of a genuine Common Market must mean removing obstacles to business, not placing new ones in its way," he said.

Constant vigilance will be needed to ensure that the EEC regulates "intelligently and with a light touch."

Reflecting Mrs Thatcher's general approach to EEC issues, he said the single market means making practical progress on practical issues and getting results in Brussels in line with British objectives.

The task ahead of Britain is at least as great as after its decision to join the EEC 16 years ago, and the progress the Community makes in the next five years will have a profound impact on British business for the next generation or more.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1845.32 (+2.98)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 22915.49 (+82.60)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2100.83 (–7.72)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 205.1 (–1.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1307.7 (+1.4)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1333.2 (+7.5)
Brussels:
General ..... 3680.8 (+15.0)
Paris: CAC ..... 290.1 (+1.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 431.1 (–3.5)
London:
FT–A All-Share .... 801.84 (+6.33)
FT– "500" ..... 882.07 (+5.93)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 341.3 (+3.0)
FT. Fixed interest .... 96.39 (+0.01)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.85 (+0.09)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Guinness ..... 261p (+16p)
MK Elect. ..... 700p (+33p)
Land Leis. ..... 195p (+40p)
Consolidated Gold .... 920p (+25p)
Courtaulds ..... 330p (+12p)
Brent Walker ..... 260p (+15p)
Wm Baird ..... 377p (+15p)
Henderson Admin. .... 625p (+50p)
Body Shop ..... 595p (+10p)
J Mowlem ..... 362p (+10p)
Reckitt & Colman ..... 732p (+23p)
Hawker Siddeley ..... 410p (+12p)
General Accident ..... 765p (+17p)
Low & Bonar ..... 185p (+13½p)
UEI ..... 302p (+10p)

FALLS:
J Jarvis ..... 625p (–25p)
Vibroplant ..... 545p (–15p)
Shell ..... 933p (–15p)
Bntoil ..... 163p (–13p)
Christies Intnl. ..... 333p (–11p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 8⅞–8 13/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 9/32–8 17/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 7 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.45-5.47%*
30-year bonds 97 3/32–97 11/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8150	£: $1.8135*
£: DM2.9993	$: DM1.6525*
£: SwFr2.4539	$: SwFr1.3520*
£: FFr10.1885	$: FFr5.6195*
£: Yen240.85	$: Yen132.70*
£: Index:76.1	$: Index:95.1
ECU £0.688932	SDR £0.753330

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $490.00 pm-$490.90
close $490.50-491.00 (£270.25-270.75)
New York:
Comex $489.50-490.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm $17.85bbl ($17.77)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lombard profits rise by 24% to £103.1m

Lombard North Central, the wholly-owned finance house subsidiary of National Westminster Bank, announced yesterday that its profits before tax for the year to September 30 rose to £103.1 million, a 24 per cent increase on the £83.2 million produced in the same period last year.

Sir Hugh Cubbitt, the chairman of Lombard, said in a statement: "For almost all facilities offered by the group, the amounts financed showed an increase compared with the previous year. The progress made during this year will be difficult to repeat but Lombard will continue to strive to maintain its position as the premier finance house in Britain."

Charterhall to lift stake

The offer by Charterhall Oil Investments, a member of Charterhall Group, for Allebone & Sons has now been declared unconditional. Earlier this week, Charterhall held 54 per cent of Allebone's capital and it has agreed to acquire, subject to the consent of its own shareholders, a further 13.4 per cent. The offer will stay open until December 28.

Atlantic sold for £535,000

P-E International, the management consultant; is paying £535,000 for Atlantic Consulting, a Dutch computer consultancy specializing in senior management services. Atlantic operates in the Netherlands and Belgium and will earn fees in 1987 of about £600,000. About 80 per cent of the purchase price will be met in cash, the balance in shares.

Meat processor buy

Sims Catering Butchers, quoted on the USM, is taking over Canvin Gunner Holdings, a leading meat process operator. Canvin, whose origins date back to 1835, supplies processed meat to various supermarket groups, including J Sainsbury, Asda and Tesco. In addition, portion-controlled steaks and other catering meats are supplied to steak-house chains and catering outlets. Last year, the business made profits before tax of £1.1 million, up from £210,000 the previous year. The acquisition is being financed through the issue of 3.8 million new shares in Sims with a further block of shares worth £3.4 million, depending on future profits. Sims shares were suspended yesterday at 395p pending shareholders' approval at a special meeting.

Airsprung up 21.6%

Airsprung Group, the Wiltshire bed manufacturer, made pretax profits in the six months to the end of September of £1.06 million, a rise of 21.6 per cent on turnover 10.1 per cent higher at £13.3 million. The figures include two months' trading of the recent acquisition, Cavendish Upholstery, the Lancashire manufacturer of three-piece suites. The interim dividend was raised by 10.3 per cent to 3.2p.

Latham leaps to £1.2m

James Latham, the timber merchant, yesterday announced pretax half-year profits of £1.2 million (£1 million). Turnover for the six months to September 30 increased from £20.4 million to £25.6 million. Earnings per share rose from 17.15p to 18.36p and the company is increasing the interim dividend to 3.5p a share – compared with last year's 6p before the company's one-for-one scrip issue.

Buoyant Rowlinson

Rowlinson Securities, the property investment and development group, yesterday predicted full-year pretax profits of £1.4 million after reporting a 49 per cent jump at the half-way stage to £641,000. The company made £1.1 million before tax in 1986-87.

Rowlinson said that all divisions were performing well and added that three commercial property development schemes scheduled for completion in the next financial year should keep profits buoyant. Earnings per share rose from 2.24p to 3.34p in the six months to September 30, and shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 0.22p against 0.2p previously.

STOCK MARKET

Hopes are killed as buyers return then fade away

By Geoffrey Foster

Dual hopes of a concerted international effort to support the beleaguered dollar and a West German interest rate cut were enough to galvanize buyers into action at the outset of business yesterday.

For a long period it looked as though the FT-SE 100 share index would re-establish itself above the psychological 1,600 level, but interest soon petered out as fund managers returned to the sidelines.

Dealers reported a modest increase in the volume of overall business and were kept busy by bid situations, either actual or rumoured.

The tone deteriorated towards the close as rumours spread that the West German authorities would not reduce interest rates and prices closed well below their best levels of the day.

The FT-SE 100-share index, up nearly 30 points at 1,607 at one stage, reacted to touch 1,588.0 before closing a volatile session 11.8 points better at 1,590.3. The FT index of 30 shares closed 17.1 points up at 1,266.9.

Gilt-edged stocks clung on to improvements of about £⅛ as they awaited any move on the European interest rate which would help bring about a reduction in domestic base rates. Index-linked stocks, meanwhile, rose £¼ in later trade on news of the new government tap stocks.

MK Electric soared by a further 36p to 703p on the revelation that it had entered into talks with Siemens, the West German electrical company.

This takes the number of companies currently stalking MK to three. RTZ was first on the scene recently with a bid of 550p per share, but this only served to press Legrand, the French group, into action and it immediately built up a 7 per cent stake in MK, paying 650p per share for the privilege.

Dealers were catching their breath last night and suggested that the fun and games had now only just begun.

Stakis, the Glasgow hotel, leisure and financial services group, returned to prominence, rising 6p to 75p on renewed speculative buying.

Whispers in the market suggested that Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer, which holds a stake of about 6 per cent in the company, is interested in launching a bid and is trying to add to its holding.

Other shareholders in Stakis include the Norwich Union Insurance Group which owns a declarable 5.43 per cent stake and the Stakis family with about 27 per cent.

So with more than 30 per cent of the shares in safe hands, dealers believe that any offer would have to be extremely generous.

Early in September, Stakis touched a peak of 139p on S&N bid speculation, but then fell sharply during the crash with other old takeover favourites.

Trusthouse Forte, Britain's largest hotel group, held a gain of 10p to 194p in thin trading. Mr Cyril Stein's Ladbroke, the bookmakers to Texas do-it-yourself group, bought 1 million THF shares last month and said at the time it had acquired the shares as an investment because they were very cheap.

Some dealers yesterday thought Ladbroke could be picking up more shares to build up a strategic stake then make a possible bid.

"Rubbish," scoffed one, who quickly pointed out that a Ladbroke offer for THF would almost certainly result in a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and suggested the buying was nothing more than shrewd investors taking the view that THF shares are currently at a bargain basement level.

Associated British Foods, the milling and baking group, which because of the stock market crash recently took the unusual step of lapsing its £767 million bid for S&W Berisford, the sugar producer and commodities dealer, despite having won control of its target with 59.1 per cent of the equity by the first closing date, rose by 5p to 300p.

The foods analytical team at Panmure Gordon, the broker, rates the shares a buy. It suggests that the disappointing interim result last month was due to a lower level of return on investments and that profits from the group's trading operations, both at home and abroad, were impressive.

Although forced to reduce their full-year forecast for ABF marginally to £218 million, due to lower interest received and the fall of the Australian dollar, the analysts believe that the outlook for profit growth in core businesses is more encouraging than for some time.

ABF's current rating, which puts the shares at a 10 per cent discount to the food manufacturing sector and at a discount to their net asset value of 340p per share, puts too much emphasis on the group's cash pile and not enough on its potential and the current performance of existing businesses. The analysts certainly think the shares are attractive.

Meanwhile, ABF could also soon move for S&W Berisford's prime asset, British Sugar Corporation, as AB Foods' chairman, Mr Garry Weston, has said he still wants BSC and is willing to discuss it with Berisford any time.

Still in the food sector, **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, the bread and cakes group, jumped 10p to 298p as takeover speculation intensified.

Goodman Fielder, the Australasian food group, holds a near-30 per cent stake in the company and has been widely rumoured to make a full bid move for RHM soon.

Dealers were even more convinced that was so yesterday on hearing reports that GF was raising £125 million via a Eurosterling issue.

Cadbury Schweppes, the chocolate and soft drinks group, meanwhile, moved up by 4p to 234p, after 236p, as about 2 million shares changed hands.

Here, General Cinema, the American soft drinks bottler and cinema owner, which recently lifted its total holding in Cadbury to 18.2 per cent, is said to be on the verge of topping up its stake to 25 per cent before launching a full-scale offer for the company.

Northern Foods, the biscuits to convenience foods combine and the biggest supplier to Marks and Spencer, advanced 10p to 251p amid vague suggestions that Hanson Trust was stalking the company. Northern's interim results are scheduled for next Wednesday.

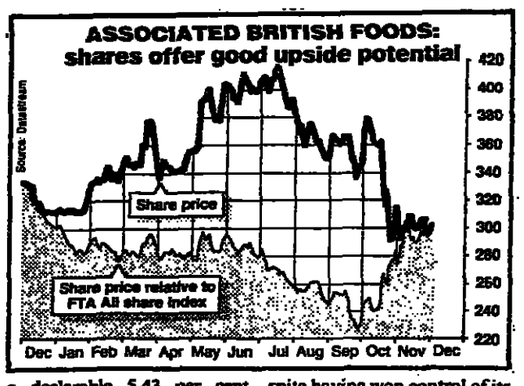
Freemans, the mail order specialist, came under pressure and fell 8p to 153p as dealers feared a total postal strike before Christmas.

About 1,300 letter sorters in Glasgow and Southend yesterday walked out following a stalemate in talks between the Union of Communication Workers and Post Office chiefs over a shorter working week.

Only a week or so ago, Freemans hade been strongly supported on talk that a bid was on the way. It has been regarded as the last real takeover target in the mail order sector, leaving it especially vulnerable after reporting a particularly disappointing set of interim results in September with pretax profits improving only marginally from £15.12 million to £15.19 million.

Dealers claim that other high street retailers like Sears or Woolworth could be interested having taken note of the success that a rival company, Next, has made of the Grattan mail order business.

Oil shares remained depressed ahead of the meeting of ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna next week as dealers continued to express increasing concern that another oil price crisis might be on the way.



● Polly Peck International moved up 4p to 259p. County NatWest, the broker, rates the shares a buy and says the current year promises to be another period of satisfactory progress. The recent re-election of the pro-Western Ozal government in Turkey was also bullish news for the group.

● Bridon, the wire manufacturer in which Carclo Engineering recently acquired a 5.1 per cent stake, rose 5p to 140p amid speculation that another party was stalking the company. A bid battle could well be looming. Lonrho and Williams Holdings have been reported keen on Bridon.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	876	Coats	392	Land Sec	1,616	Rowntree	333
Allid-Lyons	4,877	CU	1,978	Laporte	7	Royal Bank	318
Amstrad	702	Cons Gold	730	L&G	515	Royal Ins	1,605
ASDA	2,725	Cookson	171	Lloyds	1,311	Saatchi	3,634
AB Foods	665	Courtaulds	1,730	Lonrho	1,937	Sainsbury	1,620
Argyll	2,536	Dalgety	396	Lucas	489	Scot & N	1,335
BAA	723	Dee	5,679	Magnet	51	Sears	2,867
BET	759	Dixons	1,007	M&S	937	Sedgwick	1,171
BTR	3,122	ECC	383	Maxwell Cm	2,753	Shell	3,378
BAT	2,495	Enterprise	1,078	MEPC	849	Smith & N	1,165
Barclays	411	Ferranti	2,809	Metal Box	225	STC	5,212
Bass	377	Fisons	1,117	Midland	573	Stan Chart	62
Beecham	1,585	Gen Acc	196	NatWest	517	Storehse	393
Bezzer	233	GEC	6,485	Next	767	Sun Allnce	317
BICC	118	Glaxo	1,899	Nth Food	444	T & N	494
Blue Arrow	1,556	Globe	38	P&O	982	Tarmac	815
Blue Circle	1,206	Granada	919	Pearl	467	Tate & Lyle	181
BOC	1,222	Grand Met	2,383	Pearson	326	TSB	2,180
Boots	2,882	GUS 'A'	134	Pilkington	1,412	Tesco	1,755
BPB	271	GRE	263	Plessey	16,137	Thorn EMI	1,017
Br Aero	1,327	GKN	424	Prudential	673	Trafalgar	1,464
Br Airways	1,302	Guinness	3,217	Racal	2,313	THF	1,015
Br Comm	794	Hamm 'A'	7	Rk Hovis	740	Ultramar	957
Br Gas	9,413	Hanson	4,355	Rank	314	Unigate	1,196
Br Petrol	14,564	Hawker	837	R&C	641	Unilever	875
Br Telecm	4,150	Hawley	3,205	Redland	413	United Bis	2,278
Bristol	2,880	Hillsdown	628	Reed	1,284	Utd News	39
Bunzl	257	IMI	653	Reuters	859	Wellcome	902
Burmah	467	ICI	1,424	RMC Gp	136	Whitbrd	809
Burton	1,305	Jaguar	681	RTZ	1,335	Willis Fab	115
C&W	2,015	Lasmo	401	R-Royce	1,706	Woolworth	967
Cadbury	2,153	Ladbroke	1,750	Rothmn 'B'	425	Equities page 25	

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Argyll success with Safeway

When Argyll lost the takeover battle for the Distillers Company to Guinness, the acquisition of Safeway may have seemed at best a consolation prize and at worst a hasty, ill-considered purchase made on the rebound.

What Argyll would have made of Distillers had its bid been successful can only be guessed at. What can be said is that the drinks group had been declining for years and would have required a significant effort on Argyll's part to turn it round.

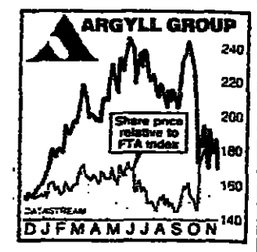
Safeway, on the other hand, was a successful supermarket chain and any lingering doubts that the purchase was in any way second best should be scotched by yesterday's results from operations, and the management's plans for the speedy conversion of most of its Presto stores into the Safeway format by 1991.

From the investor's point of view, Argyll has been transformed into a clean retailing business with a management that knows where it is going and how to arrive there. It has 10 per cent of the food retailing market, making it fourth largest after J Sainsbury, Tesco and Dee Corporation.

The £90 million of exceptional costs for the integration and conversion of Presto will be phased over four years but half will be charged against this year's profits, giving a pretax forecast of £175 million before exceptionals and £130 million after.

The earnings per share spread is from 13p before exceptionals (on a 35 per cent tax charge) and 8.6p after exceptionals and assuming a 41 per cent tax charge on the basis that many of the exceptionals are not allowed against tax.

The market appears to be valuing the shares on a pre-exceptionals basis, a prospective multiple of just over 14, a point or two below Tesco and Sainsbury. This suggests that much of the re-rating has taken place, and further progress in the share price will depend on the realization of the benefits of the Presto conversions, which will show through strongly in the next 18 months. A share for the long term.



Christian Salvesen

For those not up to date with the niceties of the pea harvest, this year was the worst for some time, following a bumper 1986.

Thus an unspectacular crop and prolonged season conspired to reduce profits at Christian Salvesen, processor of one in three of Britain's peas, by £2.5 million, a fluctuation more than double the expected movement good year to bad.

Weather and managerial problems in California pushed fruit handling into loss, depressing results by a further £1 million.

Fruit and vegetable processing is less important now, accounting for about 15 per cent of operating profits, compared to the 25 per cent of recent years, but the mishaps took the edge off profits.

Abandoning the conservative depreciation policy bosted results by £2 million so there was no underlying growth.

But Salvesen, always the long term operator, is not thwarted by short-term set backs. It is doubling its investment programme to £100 million this year, 30 per cent of which is earmarked for acquisitions.

Two such purchases have already bought Salvesen a leading position in the West German frozen food distribution market.

Elsewhere bricks and generators and more buoyant marine activites, pushed divisional profits up 43 per cent. The brick business, although sound, sits uneasily in a service-oriented group.

Estimates are coming down from £50 million to £46 million. Despite their defensive qualities, the shares' 25 per cent premium rating seems generous.

Glossy Saatchi

Saatchi & Saatchi was an advertising group at its best yesterday – putting the best gloss on the gloomiest of situations. After a share price crash which halved market capitalization, Saatchi bangs the drum about its virtues.

Its message is that 1987 was the 17th consecutive year of growth, with record pretax profits of £124.1 million; that in recent weeks £170 million in new accounts has been secured; and that if you thought 1987 was a good year, 1988 will be even better.

So far so good. But with 54 per cent of profits and 56 per cent of revenue tied to the uncertain course of the US economy and its currency, Saatchi cannot escape some backwash from America whatever measures it might take on the currency front and whatever the strength of other economies.

In the investors' minds, the share price will continue to be seen as a dollar-related stock, even though historically advertisers do rather well in depressed times.

The misunderstood logic of the hoped-for leap into financial services – will the market ever forget the call on Hill Samuel and the tap on the door of Midland? – could see Saatchi keeping its head low for a while. Meanwhile, there remains the suspicion that if the shares sink much lower the group will go private.

Profits growth, though masked on translation to perhaps only £135 million, and the group's entrenched position give the shares at 378p on eight times earnings their attraction. But until Saatchi dreams up a campaign for the dollar, the shares are likely to remain unloved.

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Tarmac buys Avon brickmaker

Tarmac, the quarrying, housebuilding and building products group, is paying £13 million cash for the brick-making activities of Sevalco, a British subsidiary of Phelps Dodge, the American corporation. The business trades under the name of the Severn Valley Brick Company and is based at Avonmouth, Avon. It makes about 40 million bricks a year.

Fashion dividend

Results for the six months to September 30 for Fashion and General Investment. An interim dividend of 10p (10p) will be paid on January 8. Income from investments was £303,638 (£304,496), interest receivable was £16,728 (£29,671), revenue before tax was £303,543 (£311,375), and tax was £97,159 (£103,671). Earnings per share were 13.8p (13.8p) while the net asset value was 704.7p (507.7p).

Lyons Irish higher

Results for the 28 weeks ended September 19 for Lyons Irish Holdings. An interim dividend of 3.5p will be paid on January 5. Figures in Ir£000. Turnover was 17,268 (18,835), pretax profit was 2,352 (2,183) and tax was 330 (290). Earnings per share were 13.5p (12.6p). The company said turnover declined due to reduced tea prices and product rationalization in the cake company.

Dundee leaps

Dundee & London Investment Trust is to pay a final dividend of 4.4p making 6.6p (6.0p) for the year to October 31. With figures in £000s: income from investments 1,599 (1,426), interest receivable on short-term deposits 214 (149), underwriting commission 63 (40), administration expenses 213 (128), tax 427 (449). Earnings per share 7p (6.09p), net asset value 345p (276p).

Mountview ahead

Mountview Estates, the property dealing firm, earned profits before tax of £4.7 million, up from £3.2 million, in the opening six months of the year. But the bad weather has pushed up the cost of repairs and maintenance during the second half of the year.

Marine Trust

Marine Adventure Sailing Trust has reported gross revenue (figures in £000) of 216 (215) for the year to September 30. Administration expenses and interest payable were 157 (95), charitable donations under deeds of covenant were nil (76), net revenue before tax was 59 (44), and tax was 18 (13). Net asset value was 501.5p (282.6p) while total distribution to the marine society was £55,519 (£122,463).

Carless purchase

Carless, Capel & Leonard is acquiring Kidderminster Oil, Wessex Fuels, Castle Snow, Holden Fuels, Argotill Petroleum and the oil business of BWOC for £2,327,000 cash. The acquisition strengthens the position of Carless' fuel marketing subsidiary, Carless Petroleum.

Mr Denis Tindley

Mr Denis Tindley, mentioned in the Special Report on Management Consultants on December 2, 1987 is senior vice-president of the Institute of Management Consultants not the Management Consultancies Association.

Commission suggests society changes

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Building society investors will receive a cash payout if their society decides to convert from being a mutual to a publicly-quoted company.

The cash distribution will ensure that non-voting members of a society stand to gain if their society converts to a public company, even though they have no power to affect the decision.

According to draft rules published by the Building Societies Commission – the organization that regulates the industry – eligible non-voting shareholders will receive a proportion of the society's reserves. The cash payout is related to the size of their investment and the number of shareholders in the society.

Eligible investors in most building societies would stand to gain about 4.5 to 5 per cent at present of their investment from a payout – equivalent to more than half a year's interest at present interest rates.

Eligible investors include non-voting shareholders who have an account on "vesting" day – when the move to become a public company is put into effect by the society. Any investor under the age of 18 will also be included because minors are not allowed to vote and will therefore be treated as non-voting shareholders irrespective of the kind of building society shares they hold.

When converting from a mutual society to a public company, the society can decide whether to link a cash payment to each separate account if an investors holds more than one, or to the total of all the accounts.

Voting members, however, will only be eligible for a cash distribution if their society goes into liquidation but will receive nothing when it converts to public company status. All other investors will also be entitled to this payout.

If the society is taken over by an existing institution, such as a bank, which is publicly quoted, shareholders, whether voting or non-voting, will receive a cash distibution from the society's reserves.

The draft rules are the last stage in consultation over the conversion issue. The commission expects to finalize its proposals early next year, when they will be added to the provisions on conversion contained in the Building Societies Act 1986.

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Argyll confident as Safeway helps boost half-time profits by 97%

By Carol Ferguson

Argyll Group, the food retailer which paid £681 million for Safeway, the supermarkets chain, last January, was in confident mood yesterday when it announced its interim results.

Mr Alistair Grant, the chairman-elect and chief executive, said the initial conversions of Argyll's Presto foodmarket chain into the Safeway format had been successful.

"The two stores so far converted, at Morden and Farnham, have experienced 55 per cent gains in turnover and 100 per cent gain in profit," Mr Grant said. On this basis, he said, "Argyll will have recovered its investment in two years to give a return on investment of 50 per cent."

He said this success meant 181 Presto stores would be converted. The programme will be phased over four years, beginning with 10 stores this year, followed by another 60 in 1988-89. The total cost, which will be charged as an exceptional item as incurred, is budgeted at £90 million.

This year, £45 million will be charged, and deducted from pretax profits. Of this, £5.4 million was charged in the first half, leaving nearly £40 million to be charged in the second half.



Food for thought: Alistair Grant, chairman-elect and David Webster, finance director, yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

City response to the results was fairly muted, and analysts were divided as to whether to focus on the profits before or after the conversion costs. Mr Paul Smiddy, an analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, said the appropriate number to concentrate on was after exceptionals.

Turnover for the group rose by 60 per cent to £1.7 billion at the interim stage, while profit before tax jumped 97 per cent to £75.4 million. However, comparisons are distorted by the inclusion of Safeway for the first time.

Safeway alone saw its turnover rise 19 per cent to £678 million, while at Argyll's continuing businesses, mainly Presto, turnover was up 6 per cent to £1 billion. If Safeway had been owned by Argyll in the corresponding period of last year, operating profits would have risen by 34 per cent.

Margins rose by 21 per cent to 4.7 per cent.

An interim dividend of 1.8p was declared, a 17 per cent rise on last year, and the shares rose 8p to 185p.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Holes appearing in the BP safety net

The Chancellor's clever scheme for putting a safety net under the BP share issue is under strain. Mr Lawson now has a few days left before he has to say whether or not the scheme is to end on December 11. On the evidence of the screens he has little alternative but to extend it until January 6.

Many market-makers yesterday were bidding just 69p for the new shares offered by the Government, thus indicating they do not want to deal. With a floor price of 70p offered under the Lawson scheme, BP faces the prospect of having to live with a large shareholder for many more months and perhaps years to come. Unless market sentiment shifts sufficiently for the new shares to acquire a value in their own right of something approaching 70p before early January.

The pressures on the Chancellor to extend the safety net in the hope that something may turn up are intensifying. But it is not easy to see how he can extricate himself from the buy-back pledge without accusations of bad faith or worse. Rightly or wrongly, the political backlash would be severe. There is also the budgetary dimension of the Lawson scheme, which few politicians have yet taken the trouble to work through. This would strike home if the buy-back were implemented in full.

Before the collapse in stock markets, the Treasury anticipated receipts of £1.1 billion from the BP sale in the present financial year. The total over the next three years was projected to be £5.7 billion. Under the worst case, that is if the Chancellor is forced to take up all the issue barring the 10 per cent or so bought by the government of Kuwait, receipts this year would be negative, perhaps to the extent of £150 million. For even though it appears to be good business to buy back for 70p what you sold for 120p, the Government was already committed to pass over to BP itself the £1.5 billion proceeds of the rights issue staged as part of the offer. The net effect of this would be an additional £1.4 billion on the public sector borrowing requirement in the current year.

For once, the Chancellor can afford this kind of accident. Most forecasters expect government finances to be in surplus this year. Even a £2 billion PSBR would be satisfactory.

In the longer term, the damage would be cumulative if the Exchequer were forced by market conditions to remain a BP shareholder. Goldman Sachs calculations indicate that in the event of a total buy-in and no resale within three years, the overall addition to the PSBR would be £5.4 billion. In the meantime, the outlook for BP shares would be grim. After the pain suffered by overseas underwriters this time, an attempt to repeat a share sale on a large scale might be out of the question.

'Dearest' natural gas

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Britain now has the most expensive natural gas in the industrialized world, according to a report to be published tomorrow.

British Gas industrial pricing policy is already being challenged in the EEC courts and is being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and reviewed by Ofgas, the government regulatory body for gas supplies.

The report comes from the National Utility Services which monitors gas prices for industrial and commercial customers throughgout the world.

It shows that the average cost per therm in Britain is 34.2p, compared with 34.1p in France, 30p in West Germany, 29.2p in Belgium, 27.8p in the US and 22.3p in Italy. The cheapest gas at an average 18.3p a therm is available in Australia.

The report also points out that Italian gas is still cheaper although prices there have risen by 47.7 per cent last year. In Britain, prices have fallen by an average of 1 per cent, but in Germany gas bills have fallen by an average of 33.6 per cent.

Mr Andrew Johns of the Utility Services said: "British Gas tariff cuts of 4.5 per cent do not apply to large gas users. BG is still expensive. A lot of their supplies are still coming on stream at 8p per therm."

However, Mr Johns does admit that the prices being paid by large industrial customers do not support recent claims that large British users on firm contract terms are at a severe disadvantage against their EEC rivals. Industrial users on interruptible supply contract are, however, at a severe disadvantage compared with other EEC companies on interruptibles.

Celltech to raise £45m in placing

By Joe Joseph

Celltech, Britain's leading specialist biotechnology company, is raising £45 million through an international private placing. The money will help the group to expand into the bio-pharmaceuticals market, enabling Celltech to develop and market drugs itself rather than licensing them to large drugs companies.

In the past Celltech, which specializes in making monoclonal antibodies, has licensed out its products at an early stage to big pharmaceutical companies which have then funded further development and clinical trials.

Mr Gerard Fairtlough, the chief executive of Celltech, said yesterday that the principal purpose of the placing, which capitalizes the company at £119.4 million, was "to finance the development of Celltech as a fully-fledged biopharmaceutical company.

"In future we will be able to retain the marketing rights to our most promising products, finance their development and clinical trials and ultimately carry out the marketing of successful products in key west European markets."

He added that although Celltech made profits after tax of £200,000 in its latest financial year despite heavy spending on research, "the really large rewards come from having your own successful pharmaceutical products and we feel we are now in a position where we can attack that market ourselves."

But he said the unquoted company felt it was not yet ready for a public flotation, although "we are definitely going public within three years. By that time the results we will be getting from clinical trials of our drugs will indicate what kind of market those drugs are likely to achieve and make our prospects more comprehensible to investors."

Celltech's main new products, soon to begin clinical trials, are CGRP, which is aimed at treating the results of brain haemorrhage, and anti-shock drugs.

Celltech's main shareholder, British & Commonwealth Holdings, will maintain its 36.5 per cent stake in the company during the placing.

The Peter Miller legacy

Few chairmen of Lloyd's have been tested to the same degree as Peter Miller. Four years ago, riven by change, rocked by scandal, the City's unique insurance market desperately needed a cool head, a firm hand, a perceptive eye and a clear voice to help retain the good and drive out the bad. It found them in Peter Miller who after difficult and uncertain beginnings has steered Lloyd's into calmer, clearer waters.

The old confidence is back, though happily not the old arrogance. Out of the murk the market has emerged stronger than before — a national asset from which the tarnish has been removed. For this Lloyd's owes a great deal to its outgoing chairman.

The Lloyd's achievements under Peter Miller include implementing a new rulebook in accordance with the 1982 Lloyd's Act; coming to an agreement with the Inland Revenue over syndicate tax matters; sorting out a settlement to the complex and scandalous PCW affair; seeing through the divestment of underwriters from brokers; dealing with the government-appointed Neill inquiry and implementing the first stages of Neill's final recommendations. The last major slate of reforms — proposals for regulating brokers — was sent out for consultation last month.

Mr Miller, who will receive the Lloyd's gold medal for services to the insurance market, can feel proud of his record. His chairmanship has not been easy, not least during the period of tension between him and Ian Hay Davison, the managing partner from accountant Arthur Andersen, which culminated in a very public row between them, and the chief executive's resignation two years ago. To his credit Peter Miller does not try to minimize the considerable contribution Davison made to Lloyd's rehabilitation. Both men were committed to bringing Lloyd's firmly into the twentieth century. The process would not have been as thorough or as fast left only to insiders.

The Lloyd's Mr Miller leaves as chairman — he is staying on the council for another year — is a different place. The problems now are market or insurance problems, not regulatory problems. though Lloyd's like other City markets feels strongly that the pendulum of regulation has swung too far toward restraints.

The bad old days are behind Lloyd's, though no marketplace can ever be perfect. Murray Lawrence is a fortunate man in his inheritance.

Hutton agrees Shearson takeover

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

EF Hutton, the US securities house, has agreed to a $1 billion takeover bid from Shearson Lehman, to form the largest investment bank in the US.

Mr Harry Romney, EF Hutton's managing director, said yesterday that Shearson, New York's third largest securities house which is 70 per cent owned by American Express, was offering $25 a share in cash and about $5 worth of preferred stock.

But although Mr Romney said that a joint statement from Shearson and EF Hutton was imminent, neither company had made an official announcement by the time markets closed in London.

The price is a substantial discount to the $50 believed to have been offered by Shearson only a year ago and many analysts believe that EF Hutton's desire for the merger has been prompted by its big trading losses suffered in the stock market crash. The fall in EF Hutton's value is at least partly due to the losses. Prior to the crash in October, its price stood at just over $30 but nearly halved to about $17 in the following weeks.

It is the second time Shearson has tried to buy EF Hutton since its abortive bid

Anglia Secure Homes doubles profit

By Alexandra Jackson

Anglia Secure Homes, the fast growing, sheltered housing developer, more than doubled pretax profits in the year to end-September 1987 to £3.9 million. Turnover rose from £9.9 million to £25.9 million.

Earnings per share increased from 9p to 17p. A final dividend of 1.3p was declared making a total of 2p for the year. No dividend was paid in 1985-86.

The acquisition in June of Retirement Appreciation, a Norwich-based developer of sheltered homes, made a substantial contribution to sales and profits, accounting for nearly 50 per cent of sales by value and 55 per cent of sales by volume.

Retirement Appreciation operates in less affluent areas to the traditional Anglia business, and earns gross margins of about 17 per cent, compared to 25 per cent for the activities on the London-Essex axis.

Anglia intends to close this profitability gap during the current year, helped by the acquisitions of Cound Page Architects in January, and Cambridge Computer Drafting in October, which increases the services provided in-house.

Last year, boosted by the acquisition, Anglia sold 576 units compared to 107 the year before and is on target to complete 870 in 1987-88. It holds 850 plots for 1988-89. At existing operating levels, this implies profits of at least £6 million for the current year.

Competition is increasing but Anglia is confident that its track record and vertical integration, providing ongoing management services, stands it in good stead.

Anglia had net debt of 28 per cent at the end of 1986-87. This has risen to 34 per cent now. It will peak next spring but should fall to acceptable levels by the year end. Following the four for seven rights issure last July, raising £20 million, Anglia is confident it has the flexibility to grow without coming back to shareholders for several years.

The group is to apply for a full listing in January 1988

Directors take 20% pay cut

Still reeling from the politicial ticking-off County NatWest received after trainee accountant Anil Gupta, aged 23, lost more than £1 million in the traded options market during the stock market crash, leading directors there have volunteered to take a drastic 20 per cent cut in their basic salaries from next year. "They agreed voluntarily and unanimously, in the light of changed market conditions and to give some leadership to the group," admits bank spokeswoman Lesley Tzidon. The pay cuts, which involve County's top half-dozen men from the chairman down, may soon be followed by cut-backs at more junior levels. "We already run a tight ship but each business area is looking at ways to reduce costs, rather than making wholesale dismissals," says Tzidon. County NatWest has nevertheless dismissed an estimated ten more junior members of staff this week from its capital markets department — which handles debt securities, Treasury swops and the like. "We are simply going through our annual performance appraisal of employees," explains Tzidon, "we employ as many as 250 people in capital markets and we are still looking to expand our business generally — when we can find quality people."

Sad comment

As if the first year since Big Bang had not offered drama enough for most hearts, Price Waterhouse, the ubiquitous accountant, does not want to see the City unprepared for the next round of pyrotechnics — the Customs Big Bang, due to go off on January 1. In a cheery little brochure on the subject, figuring what is probably a Treaty of Roman Candle on the front, it tells us that the changes taking place next month, intended to harmonize customs procedures and simplify tariffs EEC-wide, constitute the biggest upheaval in this area since Britain joined the Community in 1973. Every importer and exporter will be affected. The unprepared could find their goods delayed or even confiscated. One of the central innovations, which displaces the present confusion of customs forms, will be the Single Administrative Document, which neatly abbreviates to Sad.



"Those who favour buying back our own shares? Those who say wait until folk give them to us?"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Maxwell goes east

After finding that Britain's football authorities spurned his ideas about *perestroika* in the Football League, soccer-mad publisher Robert Maxwell has turned his attention eastwards to a country that is more worldly about such things. The Maxwell-controlled Hollis engineering group is starting up a joint venture with the Bulgarian government to promote trade, commercial and industrial links. No doubt there will be the odd friendly football match too. But Maxwell, who recently switched the name of his British Printing & Communication Corporation to Maxwell Communication Corporation, to save any confusion about the ownership of the company, is not stealing all the limelight in the new project. Generously reflecting the fact that the Bulgarian population is stumping up half the cash for the £1 million company, I am told that the new venture is to be named Bimax.

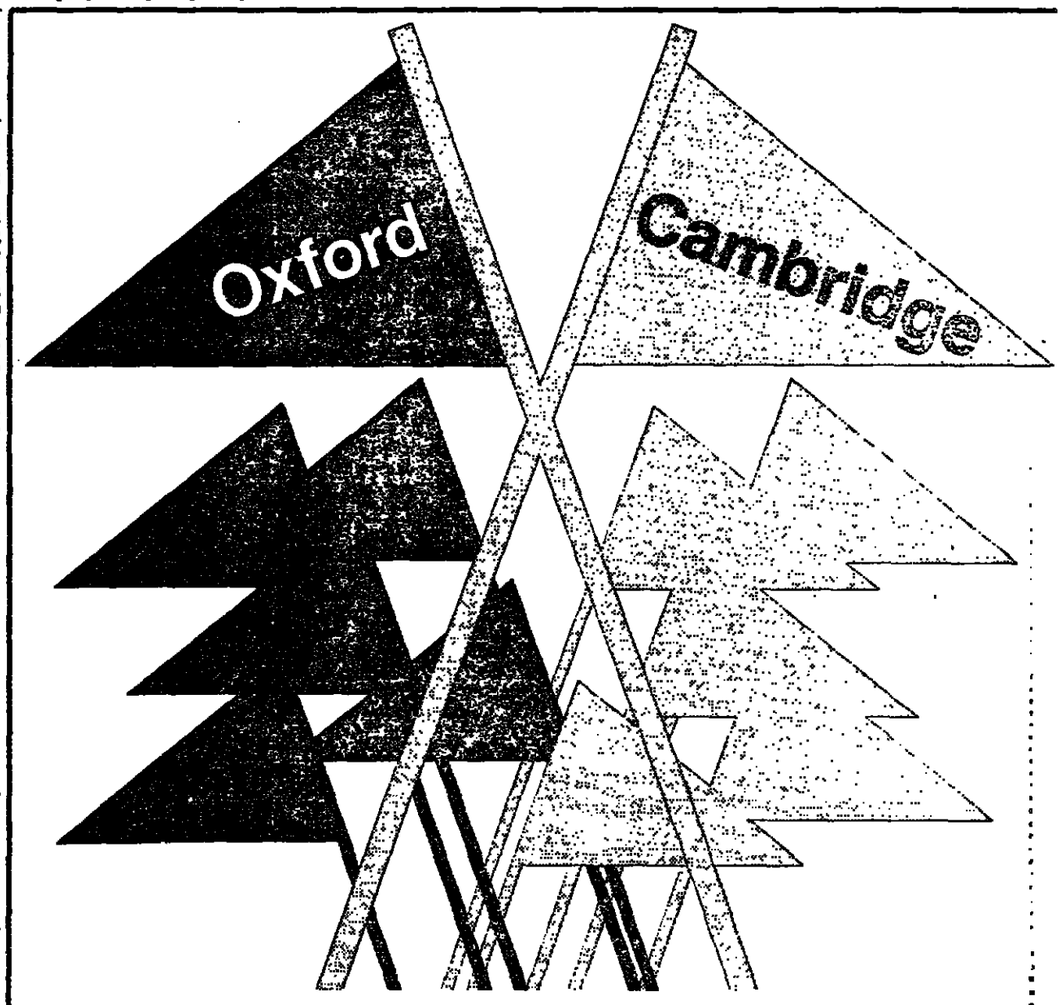
Shares are our gas

Until not so long ago, so the boardroom folklore goes, if a shop steward wanted to talk to senior management, nine times out of 10 it was to tell them that the lads would be out on strike on Friday. So when Calor's chief executive, David Mitchell, was asked by an employee to step outside for a chat, his heart sank. Imagine his amazement when he was asked for his opinion on Calor's shares. Several of the men, it seemed, had got together and been punting, not just in shares but also in traded options, and they wondered if they should include Calor in their portfolio. "At Calor, 65 per cent of the staff are shareholders, and the stock market is replacing the horses for a flutter," Mr Mitchell said. "They're reading the financial pages in the canteen, and even the nightwatchman always knows the price of the shares." Ah, Maggie, what *have* you started?

Bitter harvest

National Australia Bank, whose takeover of Clydesdale Bank went through only last month, has already become the subject of a formal motion to the Commons tabled by a handful of angry Scottish MPs, led by Malcolm Bruce, Liberal MP for Gordon. It expresses "gravest concern" at the Australians' refusal to take over many farming accounts from Clydesdale. The MPs call for "understanding" from the banks — oh that we could all enjoy that . . .

Carol Leonard



The flags will be out on the 8th!

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Retailers hope late Christmas demand will cheer profits

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Shopkeepers were crossing their fingers yesterday that sales of Christmas goods would still show a healthy volume increase on last year.

The signs on levels of sales are conflicting. The Retail Consortium, the trade organization which speaks for most shopkeepers, is optimistic after reports from its members.

But Dixons, which with its Currys subsidiary is the biggest electricals retailer, is forecasting a less good Christmas than expected, although it is still predicting some growth.

The finance director of another big retailing group said: "Sales are strengthening without being exciting. It looks like consumers, sensitive as always to uncertainties among which I would put the stock market crash, are holding off buying the bigger ticket items like the main consumer durables until the post-Christmas sales."

Dixons said: "Christmas selling is up on last year but we are not making the growth we would like to have seen. This Christmas is going to be good but it is not going to be fantastic." Dixons fears there is too little time left before Christmas for a late sales boom to wipe out a slow start to the seasonal selling.

Dixons speculates that its customers are not reacting to the stock market crash but that the downturn in share prices reflects what is happening in the economy. That might mean the long boom in consumer spending was finally easing.

Dixons has a maxim that might prove worrying to much of the retail trade: "Dixons is the first to feel the effects of a change, be it downturn or upturn."

A possible explanation of at least part of its experience can be discerned in the latest sales figures of the John Lewis Partnership, which has 21 department stores as well as the Waitrose supermarkets chain.



Drawing the shoppers: this year's Christmas lights on Regent Street, London (Photograph by Alan Weller)

Electrical appliance sales were up only 2.5 per cent and radio and television sales rose only 3.9 per cent in the week ended November 21. These are among the Dixons and Currys product areas.

But so are electronics goods such as computers and in these John Lewis saw a 17.1 per cent sales increase.

Relatively flat sales in electrical goods was also reported by Comet, part of Woolworth, which said: "The electrical market has been relatively flat all this year but Comet has not seen any discernible change in that level since the stock market crash." In line with Dixons, Woolworth reports some growth in electrical sales but not on the scale that had been anticipated.

Overall, John Lewis's sales patterns in the Christmas run-up have largely been following those of last year but in the week ended November 21 sales overall were up only 7.3 per cent, described as a modest increase, and below the 9 per cent improvement expected during the present six-month period compared with last year.

The previous week, sales had been up 11.1 per cent against last year.

But in the later week sales in central London were hit, probably affected by the aftermath of the King's Cross underground disaster.

Sales at the John Lewis Oxford Street store rose only 3.6 per cent, while Peter Jones in Sloane Square saw only a 3.5 per cent increase.

It was a different story elsewhere. Bigger increases included Reading (up 11.6 per cent), Milton Keynes (up 13 per cent), Bristol (up 13.4 per cent), Peterborough (up 15.2 per cent) and Cambridge (up 13.4 per cent). At Brent Cross, London, the John Lewis store sales rose 7.5 per cent.

With other retailers, John Lewis expects Christmas selling to run slightly later than last year because many consumers appear to feel they have an "extra week" for buying since Christmas Day falls on a Friday.

None the less, some Christmas lines seem to be going well. Sales of stationery, including Christmas cards, were up 17.2 per cent in the week ended November 21, with gift sales up 26 per cent. Sales of toys were up 8.3 per cent

Continued optimism by retailers, buoyed by improving trends in pay awards, unemployment and interest rates, was reported by Mr Richard Weir, the director-general of the Retail Consortium.

"The rate of increase trend experienced all year is still there."

Increases in retail credit totals would suggest that strong demand continues even for consumer durables, and lower mortgage payments for existing borrowers would have an effect this month, bringing a likely impact on Christmas selling, Mr Weir pointed out.

There was plenty of cheer about the level of Christmas sales at Harrods, in Knightsbridge. Sales of seasonal goods are a third higher than last year.

But the Boots stores chain said: "Sales in larger stores have been affected by lower-than-expected demand for consumer durables. But there are recent indications that business is picking up, while in medium-to-small stores sales are up to our expectations of a good December."

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP

Shares off best levels in Tokyo

(Reuter) – Share prices closed higher yesterday but were off their peaks as the optimism following Tuesday's gain on Wall Street and a steadier dollar faded, brokers said.

The Nikkei average gained 82.60 points, or 0.36 per cent, to 22,915.49 after hitting a morning high of 23,026.07. The average rose 146.11 points on Tuesday.

Advancing shares led declining issues almost two to one on turnover of 530 million shares against 400 million on Tuesday.

Airline, insurance, credit-and-leasing, electrical, retail, machinery and rubber shares led the advance.

Communication, property, gas, railways, bus and shipbuilding issues declined.

Some export-related stocks gained due to the stable dollar, but buying and selling trends were difficult to determine because of the low volume.

Early New York trading is mixed

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street stocks turned mixed in early trading yesterday, with the blue chips higher on balance but the broad market still lower.

Brokers said bargain-buying was supporting the blue chips, which showed moderate early losses. The dollar remained lower, partly on doubts that Bonn will cut its discount rate as expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.50 to 1,842.84 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 1.14 to 696.00. The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped 0.10 to 130.40.

Advancing shares narrowed the two-to-one early lead of declining issues considerably.

Knogo rose 3½ to 16⅜. The company plans to buy back abput half of its shares at prices 17 per cent to 40 per cent above market value, it said.

● Sales of new single-family homes fell 1.5 per cent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 657,000 units, the Commerce Department said in Washington.

The department revised September sales figures up to show a 2.8 per cent decline from August levels to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 667,000 units instead of the previously reported 5.2 per cent fall.

Higher interest rates before the mid-October stock market collapse were expected to hurt home sales. Mortgage interest rates rose to more than 11 per cent in late September.

October home sales this year were 2.7 per cent lower than in October 1986 when sales were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate 675,000 units.

The median price fell to $104,000 (£57,770) from $110,000 in September but was up from $96,400 in October 1986.

Holmes à Court sells stake

From Richard Battley
Sydney

The highlight of yesterday's share market here was the sale of two thirds of Mr Robert Holmes à Court's 16.6 per cent strategic parcel of shares in Pioneer Concrete Services. GB Were and Sons, the broker, disclosed it had bought 66.4 million shares, 10.7 per cent of the building group.

The stock fell 12 cents to Aus$2.80 (£1.10) on a total turnover of 70 million shares. CSR, one of the rumoured buyers, fell 3 cents to Aus$3.05 and the Perth entrepreneur's Bell Group eased 5 cents to Aus$1.85. Its associate Bell Resources fell 4 cents to Aus$1.66.

However, the share sale failed to excite local investors. The *All-Ordinaries* index closed only 1.6 points higher at 1,308.

Optimism boosts Frankfurt

Frankfurt (Reuter) – Optimism about a firmer dollar and hopes that the Bundesbank would cut its discount rate today helped West German shares end higher for the second day in a row on slightly higher volume.

One dealer said: "If the Bundesbank cuts the discount rate that could mean a further rise for shares, but I wouldn't make any predictions for what will happen next week."

Dealers said a discount rate cut would stimulate the domestic economy and support the dollar, which has a strong impact on shares in its effect on the profits of German exporters.

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, rose to 1,333.2 from Tuesday's 1,325.7.

Hong Kong falls in low turnover

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Light institutional selling erased early gains, sending share prices to a slightly lower close, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index eased 7.72 points to 2,100.83, after rising nearly 12 points at noon. Turnover slid to its lowest level in more than seven months, falling to HK$585.37 million (£41.6 million) against HK$942.76 million on Tuesday.

Brokers said overseas institutions were trimming their holdings and local buyers were in no hurry to accumulate more shares. Investors were also looking to overseas markets for direction, they said.

WALL STREET

	Dec 1	Nov 30		Dec 1	Nov 30		Dec 1	Nov 30
AMR Cp	30⅛	30	Firestone	31⅛	31⅛	Pepsico	31⅛	31
ASA	53⅛	51⅛	Fst Chicago	19⅜	18⅝	Pfizer	47	46⅜
Aetna Life	44⅛	44⅜	Fst Int Bncp	41	41½	Phelps Dod	40⅜	40
Allied Signal	28⅝	29	Fst Penn C	8⅛	8⅛	Philip Mor	87⅝	85⅝
Allis Chim	1⅛	1⅛	FT Wachvia	32¼	32⅜	Philip Pet	10⅝	10⅝
Alcoa	43⅞	44	Ford Motor	73	70⅝	Polaroid	20⅛	20⅜
Amax Inc	18⅝	18	GAF Cp	39⅜	40⅜	Primerica	25⅜	25⅞
AMR Hees	23⅛	22⅜	GTE Cp	36⅜	35⅝	Procr Gble	82	81⅝
Am Brands	37⅜	37⅛	Gen Cp	68⅛	68½	Pub S E G	22⅝	23⅜
Am Cynmd	36⅝	35⅝	Gn Dynam	43⅜	43⅛	Raytheon	62⅝	63⅜
Am Ele Pwr	25⅛	25	Gen Electric	42	42⅜	Rynlds Metl	41⅛	41⅛
Amerus	22	22⅜	Gen Inst	25⅜	25	Rockwell Int	16⅝	16⅝
Am Home	67⅜	68	Gen Mills	43⅜	44	Royal Dutch	104⅛	104⅜
Am Int Grp	55⅝	56¼	Gen Motors	58	58⅝	SFE Sopac	46⅛	46⅜
Am Stand	32⅛	31⅝	Gen Pub Ut	24¼	24⅛	Sara Lee	32⅝	32⅞
Am Telph	27	26⅝	Genesco	3⅜	3⅛	Schlumb	30⅛	29⅝
Amoco Cp	65	64⅜	Georgia Pac	31⅞	31½	Scott Pap	59⅝	58⅝
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅜	Gillette	28⅜	28⅝	Seagram	52¼	52⅛
Asarco Inc	26	25⅝	Goodrich	31⅜	30⅝	Sears Roeb	32⅝	32⅛
Ashland Oil	52⅜	52⅛	Goodyear	50⅛	48⅝	Shell Trans	69⅝	71⅛
Atl Richfld	68⅛	68⅜	Gould Inc	11	11	Singer	52⅝	51½
Avon Prod	23	22⅛	Grace Co	41⅜	42¼	Smith Beck	44⅛	44⅛
Bk Boston	21⅝	22	Grt Atl Pac	32⅛	31⅝	Sony Cp	36⅝	34⅞
Bank NY	25⅞	26⅛	Greyhnd	24⅝	24⅛	Sth Cal Ed	31½	31⅜
Bankamer	7⅝	7	Grumman	21	20⅝	SW Bell	34⅝	33⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	28	27⅛	Gutt & West	67⅜	67⅜	Squibb	60⅜	60¼
Baxter	21⅛	21⅛	Heinz	36	36⅛	Stanl Drug	45⅝	46
Beth Steel	13⅜	12⅜	Hercules	43⅜	43⅜	Stevens JP	25⅝	25⅛
Boeing	35¼	34½	Hewlett Pk	47⅛	45⅝	Sun Comp	47⅛	45⅞
Boise Casc	60⅜	60	Honeywell	55⅝	55⅞	TRW Inc	42⅝	42⅜
Borden	43⅜	43	IC Ind	29⅜	28⅝	Teledyne	286	281
Bristl Meyr	39⅜	37⅞	ITT Cp	45⅛	43⅝	Tenneco	40⅞	40
BP	52⅜	53⅜	INCO	17	16⅛	Texaco	30⅜	31⅛
Brunswick	12⅛	12	Ing Rand Wl	30⅜	31⅛	Texas Eastn	23⅜	23⅛
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	24½	24⅞	Texas Inst	41⅞	41⅝
Burl Nth	58⅜	57⅝	IBM	111	111¼	Tex Util	28⅛	28⅛
CBS	152	155⅝	Int Paper	36⅛	35⅝	Textron	20⅛	20⅜
Cons Engy	13	13⅛	Irving Bk	49⅛	48⅝	Travelers	32⅜	33
CPC Int	36⅜	36	Jhnsn & Jhsn	74½	72⅜	USG	27⅜	27⅜
CSX Cp	24⅜	24⅛	K Mart	27⅜	27	USX Cp	28⅜	28⅛
Cmpbell Sp	52⅜	51⅞	Kaisertech	8⅝	8⅛	Unilever Plc	32½	31½
Can Pacific	14⅜	14½	Kerr McGee	31⅞	31⅛	Un Carbide	18⅞	19⅛
Caterpillar	55⅝	56⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	51⅝	50⅜	Un Pac Cp	49⅞	49⅝
Centrl SW	29⅜	29	Kraft	47	45	Unisys Cp	28⅜	28⅛
Champion	30	30⅛	Kroger	24⅛	24⅜	Utd Brands	40⅜	41
Chase Man	24	22⅞	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅜	Utd Tech	31⅜	31⅝
Chem NY	25⅝	25⅝	Limn	69	68⅝	Unocal	24½	23⅛
Chevron	37	36⅛	Lockheed	34	34⅜	Walter Jim	59⅜	59⅛
Chrysler	20⅝	20⅛	Lucky Str	22⅜	21½	Warn Lamb	65	65
Cigcorp	17⅜	17½	Man H'mer	26⅝	25⅞	Wells Far	40⅜	39⅝
Clark Eq	24⅛	23⅝	Manville	2¾	2⅜	Westg El	44	43⅞
Coca Cola	37	37	Maprcp	42⅜	42½	Weyerhsr	36⅛	34½
Colgate	37	37½	Marine Mid	82¼	82	Whirlpool	22⅛	21⅜
Columb Gas	38⅝	37¾	Mt Marietta	39⅛	38⅜	Woolworth	31¾	32
Cmb'tn Eng	25⅞	26	Masco	20⅜	20⅛	Xerox Cp	51	52⅛
Cmwith Ed	28⅛	27⅝	Mcdonalds	42⅜	41⅝	Zenith	14⅜	13¾
Cons Edis	42⅛	42	McDonnell	58⅝	57⅜			
Consol Ng	36⅜	36⅝	Mead Cp	28⅛	28⅝			
Cont Data	22	22⅜	Merck	168½	170			
Corning Gl	46⅝	47½	Minstr Mng	58⅝	58⅛			
Crane	19⅛	20⅜	Mobil	34⅛	33⅜			
Curtiss Wrt	46	45⅞	Monsanto	70	70			
Data Gen	20⅛	20	Morgan Jp	30⅞	31⅛			
Deere Co	32⅛	32⅜	Motorola	41⅜	40⅛			
Delta Air	33⅜	33⅛	NCR	63⅛	62½			
Detroit Edi	14⅜	13⅝	NL Indstrs	5	4⅞			
Digital Eq	119⅝	118½	Nat Distil	59⅝	58⅝			
Disney	52⅝	52⅝	Nat Md Ent	17⅛	17⅜			
Dow Chem	76⅛	77⅝	Nat Semi	11⅜	11⅛			
Dresstr Ind	21⅛	20⅝	Norfolk Sth	23⅝	23⅞			
Dupont	79	78⅛	NW Bancrp	35⅛	35¼			
Duke Pwr	43¼	43	Occid Petl	25⅜	24⅜			
East Kodak	45⅞	45¼	Ogden Cp	24⅜	24⅛			
Eaton Cp	72⅛	73⅛	Olin Cp	36⅛	36⅝			
Emerson El	28	28⅛	PPG Ind	32⅝	32			
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝	Pac Gas El	17⅞	17½			
Exxon	36⅞	36⅛	Pan Am	3⅜	3½			
Farah Inc	7⅛	7⅛	Penney JC	43¼	41⅝			
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CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	28⅛	28⅝
Alcan Alum	31⅛	31⅛
Algoma Stl	14⅜	14½
Can Pacific	19⅛	18⅞
Comnco	12⅝	13⅛
Con Bathrst	15⅝	15⅛
Hawk S Can	20	19½
Hud Bay M	18⅛	18⅝
Imasco	24⅛	24⅛
Imperial Oil	51⅛	51⅛
Int Pipe	42	42½
Royl Trstco	13⅛	13⅜
Seagram	68⅛	68
Sheleo 'A'	32⅜	32½
Thmsn N 'A'	25⅝	25⅝
Varity Cp	2⅛	2⅛
WCT	15⅜	15⅝
Weston	31⅞	31⅛

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allid Lyon (*331)	300	38	53	60	10	17	27
	330	22	35	42	23	32	42
	360	9	22	30	47	50	57
Bass (*779)	750	58	87	110	33	52	65
	800	35	63	85	57	80	93
	850	17	45	68	97	112	125
Brit Air (*131)	120	20	26	30	71	11	14
	140	7	14	20	18	20	28
Brit Com (*300)	300	30	50	65	3	23	45
	330	12	30	40	45	55	60
	360	8	20	30	70	75	85
Brit Gas (*119)	120	9	13	20	8	12	18
	130	5	10	16½	20	20	24
	140	—	7	12	—	28	31
BP (*234)	240	12	20	27	17	28	32
	260	6	14	22	31	40	45
	280	—	10	15	—	55	60
Britoil (*186)	200	6	16	24	38	43	50
	220	3½	11	17	57	60	65
	240	2	8	13	77	78	83
Cons Gold (*915)	700	240	260	300	15	27	50
	750	200	230	250	20	45	65
	800	160	190	220	40	65	90
Courtauld (*335)	300	43	58	75	9	20	28
	330	25	42	52	22	35	48
	360	9	30	40	40	53	63
Cons Union (*295)	300	3	20	30	61	73	83
	280	32	42	50	12	20	32
	300	22	32	40	20	35	43
	330	10	20	27	40	55	60
C & W (*304)	280	52	65	77	7	17	27
	290	40	53	67	13	22	37
	300	28	42	57	20	33	43
	330	13	30	42	40	43	63
GEC (*158)	160	11	19	24	3	13	21
	180	4	12	16	27	30	34
	200	1½	7	11	45	47	49
GKN (*254)	240	28	38	46	13	21	28
	260	18	28	35	21	32	37
	280	10	18	27	34	45	45
	300	5	13	21	48	58	60
Grand Met (*378)	360	38	47	62	12	27	35
	390	22	33	45	30	42	48
	420	11	22	36	47	56	63
	460	5	13	25	83	88	93
ICI (*971)	950	80	120	145	40	90	95
	1000	57	95	120	70	105	125
	1050	35	72	97	105	140	155
	1100	20	53	80	145	175	190
Jaguar (*278)	280	23	34	42	25	32	37
	300	15	27	35	37	43	51
	330	9	19	27	60	67	71
Land Sec (*418)	390	45	70	80	15	25	37
	420	27	48	60	33	40	53
	460	15	36	48	60	67	77
M & S (*171)	160	10	19	22	18	24	28
	200	3	9	11	32	34	38
	220	1	5	11	52	54	58
R-Royce (*105)	110	6	13	19	12	16	20
	120	5	9	15	19	24	27
	130	3	7	12	27	31	34
	140	2	4½	9	37	38	40
Sainsbury (*212)	220	10	20	25	18	24	28
	240	5	13	18	32	38	42
	260	1½	8	12	50	55	58
Shell (*935)	950	60	95	122	58	105	123
	1000	40	75	103	90	135	153
	1050	25	58	85	125	167	186
Stanchse (*249)	220	35	47	55	8	15	20
	240	22	35	45	18	22	27
	260	14	26	35	25	33	37
	280	35	45	55	25	32	37
Trafalgar (*308)	280	22	32	45	27	32	37
	300	10	25	30	45	50	55
	330	6	17	25	75	78	80
TSB (*107)	100	12	18	21	6	8	11
	110	7	11	15	9	13	16
	120	5	8	11	18	20	23
Woolworth (*243)	260	20	28	35	30	36	40
	280	10	20	23	45	50	55
	300	4	12	17	65	70	75
	330	2	8	13	90	95	90

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers (*1050)	1050	40	—	—	50	—	—
	1100	15	—	—	100	—	—
	1200	5	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1003)	1000	50	118	152	35	85	115
	1050	27	95	130	88	110	125
	1100	15	75	112	107	145	160
	1150	8	60	95	155	175	195
Hanson (*122)	110	14	20	25	1½	6	9
	120	7½	14	19	5	11	13
	130	3½	10	15	10½	15	19
	140	1½	11	11	19	23	25
Lonrho (*217)	200	22	34	42	4	17	24
	220	9	22	31	12	26	34
	240	—	13	24	—	40	50
	260	—	9	14	—	58	66
Midland (*355)	330	35	55	67	5	20	30
	360	17	40	50	20	35	50
	390	8	27	37	45	55	65
Sears (*126)	120	10	19	23	5	9	14
	130	5	13	18	10	15	19
	140	2½	9	14	19	22	26
Tesco (*158)	140	22	31	38	2	10	14
	160	—	20	25	—	20	24
	183	½	11	—	27	33	—
Thorn EMI (*538)	420	122	138	152	2	10	20
	460	82	102	122	6	18	30
	500	50	74	90	12	32	45
	550	12	42	62	27	47	70
THF (*192)	180	20	30	35	6	15	22
	200	7	18	25	16	25	32
	220	3	12	18	30	40	45
Unilever (*448)	420	45	65	78	8	25	35
	460	16	45	58	27	45	50
	500	6	30	42	60	70	80
Wellcome (*391)	330	63	83	95	2	15	23
	360	35	62	77	7	25	35
	390	17	45	63	17	38	48

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*89)	90	10	18	18	11	14	18
	100	7	12	15	19	23	28
	110	5	8	12	27	29	33
Brit Aero (*295)	300	27	37	47	30	43	47
	330	17	25	35	50	63	68
	360	9	18	28	70	85	—
BAT Ind (*404)	390	48	58	68	22	35	40
	420	30	42	55	35	50	60
	460	16	27	40	60	75	90
	500	8	16	—	100	105	—
Brit Telc (*209)	220	10	19	24	25	30	34
	240	5	13	17	40	43	48
	260	3	7	—	58	62	—
Cadbury (*235)	220	30	37	45	2	10	14
	240	18	28	35	12	19	23
	260	8	18	25	22	27	32
Guinness (*259)	220	52	57	63	6	15	18
	240	37	43	48	17	23	28
	260	25	32	38	33	35	40
Ladbroke (*305)	280	40	50	60	12	20	27
	300	28	37	48	20	30	35
	330	16	27	35	33	43	48
LASMO (*203)	200	30	38	45	20	28	35
	220	23	28	37	32	38	45
	240	13	20	30	45	52	60
Pilkngtn (*168)	160	28	35	45	15	25	28
	200	20	30	40	25	32	40
	220	12	22	30	40	47	52
	240	6	13	—	57	62	—
Plessey (*127)	130	13	19	26	15	19	22
	140	9	15	20	22	27	32
	150	6	11	15	37	41	46
P & O (*490)	460	90	103	—	10	15	—
	500	60	75	90	22	37	47
	550	43	53	75	40	47	60
Prudential (*755)	750	70	90	105	55	80	95
	800	45	65	85	75	105	120
	850	25	45	—	120	135	—
Racal (*221)	200	37	48	—	12	16	—
	220	23	34	42	20	26	33
	240	15	23	29	32	36	44
RTZ (*330)	280	90	110	—	6	12	—
	300	75	95	—	12	20	—
	330	60	75	100	24	45	60
	360	42	58	75	40	60	80
Vaal Reef (*124)	100	28	35	43	5	11	15
	110	25	30	38	9	16	22
	120	17	25	33	14	22	27
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*1106)	102	5⅝	—	—	⅛	—	—
	104	3⅝	—	—	⅜	—	—
	106	1⅝	—	—	¾	—	—
	108	½	—	—	1⅝	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*1119)	114	5⅝	5⅞	—	1⅝	2⅛	—
	116	4⅜	4⅞	—	2⅜	3⅝	—
	118	2½	3⅝	—	4⅜	5	—
	120	2	3	—	6⅛	6½	—
	122	1⅝	2⅝	—	8⅛	8¾	—

FT-SE INDEX (*1592)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1550	87	118	142	162	45	63	85	95
1600	60	90	115	135	67	87	105	120
1650	40	70	95	105	95	117	133	145
1700	25	52	77	—	138	153	167	—
1750	15	33	60	—	182	192	205	—
1800	9	20	47	—	230	235	243	—
1850	7	20	—	—	280	280	—	—
1900	4	15	—	—	330	330	—	—

December 2, 1987 Total: 33514 Calls 21838 Puts 11676 FT-SE: Calls 483 Puts 1155
*Underlying security price.

APPOINTMENTS

EMI Music names new director

EMI Music: Mr John Pattrick becomes director, international marketing, international classical division.

Marshall Group: Mr George Carpenter and Mr Ian Panto join the board.

Halifax Estate Agencies: Mr Eric Cairns has been appointed to the board.

British Insurance Brokers' Association: Mr Graham Lee becomes director, public affairs and regions.

New Cavendish Estates: Mr Henk Schep is made chairman and a director. Mr Peter Jones and Mr Raymond Barraclough become directors.

Frere Cholmeley: Dr Michael Carl joins the partnership.

Berol: Mr Jonathan Bowman is made managing director.

Warringtons: Mr Alan Lister joins the board as a non-executive director.

FKI Babcock: Mr Russell Edey becomes a non-executive director.

Franchise Investors: Mr Michael Power is made investment and finance director.

Baxter Hoare: Mr Fred Pedrick is made managing director and Mr John Osborne joins the board.

Norcros: Mr Peter Warry joins the board.

TSB Investment Management: Mr George Dennis is made managing director.



Eric Cairns joins Halifax Estate Agencies board

Bradstock Group: Mr Colin Preston becomes a director, Bradstock Hunt (Scotland), Mr Timothy Culverhouse and Mr Stephen Calcroft become directors, Bradstock Blunt (Northern) and Mr Nicholas O'Farrell an associate director in the new Cambridge office.

Scottish Amicable Investment Managers: Mr Douglas Ferrans is made investment director.

Kleinwort Benson: Mr David Peake is made chairman, succeeding Mr Michael Hawkes who becomes executive deputy chairman, Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale. Mr Jonathan Agnew, Mr Timothy Barker, Mr Robert Brooks, Mr Clive Crook, Mr Philip Gay, Mr Nigel MacEwan, Mr Martin Mays-Smith, Mr Simon Robertson and Mr Stephen Unwin join the board. Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale.

Dollar and production dilemmas face Jaguar

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Sir John Egan, the chairman of Jaguar, yesterday gave a gloomy forecast of a further weakening of the dollar and said the company faces some difficult decisions.

It has to decide whether to buy forward dollars at current unfavourable exchange rates and also whether to increase production to meet strong demand when Jaguar's German rivals have suffered a drop in US sales.

This year Jaguar will build 48,000 cars and unless output is speeded up production will reach only 51,000 in 1988 against a 56,000 target. After a week's tour of US dealers, Sir John said that the only area where the Wall Street crash had affected demand was in the north-east, but he stressed: "None of the New York dealers wanted fewer cars."

As Jaguar's share price showed signs of slipping back to the recent low of 261p, Sir John said that the London stock market had over-reacted to the Wall Street crash and had forgotten that Jaguar had bought forward currency for a considerable period.

Jaguar has hedged 90 per cent of its US currency for 1988 at $1.54 and Sir John revealed that the first four months of 1989 have been bought forward at about $1.65. He saw no improvement in the dollar until 1989, which raised the dilemma of whether Jaguar should buy

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bunzl (za)	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Davy	Industrials A-D	
3	Cadbury-Schwp (za)	Foods	
4	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
5	Smith & Nephi (za)	Industrials S-Z	
6	Howden	Industrials E-K	
7	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
8	Blue Arrow (za)	Industrials A-D	
9	RMC Gp (za)	Building,Roads	
10	RHP	Industrials L-R	
11	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
12	Dalgety (za)	Foods	
13	THORN EMI (za)	Electricals	
14	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
15	BTR (za)	Industrials A-D	
16	BAA (za)	Industrials A-D	
17	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
18	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
19	Strong & Fisher	Shoes,Leather	
20	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Microgen	Electricals	
23	Pleasurama	Leisure	
24	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
25	Arlen	Electricals	
26	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
27	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
28	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
29	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
30	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
31	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
32	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
33	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
34	Tesco (za)	Foods	
35	Hillsdown (za)	Foods	
36	BICC (za)	Electricals	
37	GRA	Leisure	
38	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
39	Unilever (za)	Industrial S-Z	
40	JMI (za)	Industrials E-K	
41	Aaronson	Industrials A-D	
42	Gr Portland	Property	
43	Spryhawk	Property	
44	Hanover Druce	Property	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. yield %	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99¹⁄₄	95¹⁄₂	Treas 7¹⁄₄%	1985-88	99¹⁄₄	..	7.8 8.591
102¹⁄₂	94¹⁄₄	Exch 10¹⁄₂%	1988	100⅝	..	10.4 8.469
101⅝	96	Treas C9¹⁄₄%	1988	100⅝	..	9.7 8.562
98	92¼	Treas 3%	1978-88	97⅛	..	3.1 8.845
101⅝	94¼	Treas 9½%	1989	100⅝	..	9.4 8.538
105¼	97¼	Treas 11¹⁄₄%	1989	103⅝	..	11.2 8.663
104¹⁄₂	97¼	Treas 10¹⁄₂%	1989	102⅝	..	10.2 8.607
103¾	96¼	Exch 10%	1989	101⅝	..	9.8 8.672
103	95¼	Exch 10¼%	1989	101⅛	..	9.8 8.625
102¾	95	Exch 11%	1989	100⅝	..	10.9 8.700
98¼	88¼	Treas 3%	1989-90	95⅝	..	5.2 7.458
102¼	93¼	Treas C9¹⁄₂%	1990	101⅛	..	8.4 8.991
98¼	88¾	Treas 3%	1990	95⅝	..	3.1 8.152
111	103¼	Treas 13%	1990	107⅝	..	12.0 8.778
108¼	95	Exch 9¹⁄₂%	1990	104⅝	..	9.1 8.726
110¾	99¼	Exch 12¹⁄₂%	1990	107⅝	..	11.5 8.791
82¾	84¼	Treas 3%	2000	91⅝	..	3.3 8.208
100	92¼	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	99⅝	●..	8.8 8.583
105	94¼	Treas 10%	1990	102⅝	..	9.8 8.787
91¼	80¾	Exch 9¼%	1990	98⅝	..	9.4 8.469
110¾	96¼	Treas C10%	1991	104⅝	..	9.6 8.583
110¾	105¼	Treas 13%	1991	107⅝	..	10.9 8.676
95¼	85¼	Exch 9¼%	1991	98⅝	..	9.4 8.469
109¾	97	Exch 11%	1991	103⅝	..	10.3 8.632
90¾	79¼	Treas 3%	1991	88⅝	..	3.4 8.862
99	91	Treas 8%	1991	97¼	..	8.2 8.764

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

116¹⁄₂	107	Treas 12¾%	1992	112⅝	..	11.3 8.931
106¼	92¼	Treas 10%	1992	103⅝	..	9.6 8.855
108¼	99¾	Treas C10¹⁄₂%	1992	105⅝	..	9.9 8.879
96¼	79¼	Treas 3%	1992	85⅝	●..	3.5 8.898
97¾	79¼	Treas 3%	1992	87⅝	..	3.4 8.930
117	100¾	Exch 12¼%	1992	112⅝	..	10.9 8.890
121	104¼	Exch 13¼%	1992	116⅝	..	11.5 9.045
107¾	93¼	Treas 10%	1993	104⅝	..	9.6 8.976
116¼	107¼	Treas 12¾%	1993	112⅝	..	11.4 9.131
125¼	107¼	Treas 13¾%	1993	120⅝	..	11.5 9.116
129¼	113¼	Treas 14¼%	1994	125⅝	..	11.6 9.277
120¼	103¼	Exch 13¼%	1994	116⅝	..	11.2 9.232
134¼	108¾	Exch 13¾%	1994	120⅝	..	11.2 9.248
103¼	89¾	Treas 9%	1994	99⅝	..	9.0 9.117
107¾	93¼	Treas 10%	1994	104⅝	●..	9.6 9.066
118¼	105¼	Treas 12%	1995	113⅝	..	10.6 9.241
84¼	74¼	Treas 8%	1995-97	81⅝	..	9.8 9.304
109¾	97¼	Exch 10¼%	1995	104⅝	..	9.8 9.304
122¾	106	Treas 11¾%	1995	116⅝	..	10.2 9.363
130¼	116¼	Treas 14%	1995	124⅝	..	11.2 9.532
102¾	89	Treas 9%	1995-98	98⅝	..	9.1 9.096
128¾	110¼	Treas 15¼%	1996	122⅝	..	11.5 9.509
127¾	109¾	Exch 13¼%	1996	122⅝	..	10.9 9.417
89¼	80	Fdngt	3%	1996	85⅝	.. 3.5
108¾	93¼	Conv	10¼%	1996	103⅝	.. 9.9 9.376
123¾	113¼	Exch	13¼%	1997	120⅝	.. 10.9 9.489
111¾	96	Exch	10¼%	1997	106⅝	.. 9.6 9.427
101	88¼	Treas	8¾%	1997	96⅝	.. 9.1 9.271
140	121	Exch	15%	1997	133⅝	.. 11.2 9.557
89¼	74¼	Treas	7¾%	1998	84⅝	.. 9.0 9.151
109¾	93¼	Conv	10¼%	1998	103⅝	.. 9.6 9.449
145¼	123¼	Treas	15¼%	1998	139⅝	.. 11.2 9.688
122¼	107¼	Exch	12¼%	1998	116⅝	.. 10.6 9.599
106¾	92¼	Treas	9¼%	1999	101	.. 9.4 9.288
124¾	107¼	Treas	12¼%	1999	118⅝	.. 10.4 9.567
113	96	Treas	9¼%	1999	107	.. 9.8 9.477
111¼	93¼	Conv	10¼%	1999	105⅝	.. 9.7 9.478
97¼	86¼	Treas	8¼%	2000	94⅝	.. 9.0 9.444
131¼	114¼	Treas	13%	2000	125⅝	.. 10.5 9.644
103¼	88¼	Conv	9%	2000	97⅝	.. 9.2 9.519
118¼	94¼	Treas	11%	2001	109⅝	.. 9.6 9.432
106¾	90	Conv	9¼%	2001	101⅝	.. 9.5 9.414
134¾	112¼	Treas	14%	1998-01	129⅝	.. 10.9 9.590

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	85¼	Exch	9%	2002	97⅝	.. 9.2 9.325
110¼	96	Conv	10%	2002	104⅝	.. 9.5 9.380
122¾	107	Exch	12¼	1998-02	115⅝	.. 10.2 9.402
109	93¼	Treas	9¼%	2003	105⅝	.. 9.5 9.339
111¼	94¼	Treas	10%	2003	105⅝	.. 9.5 9.339
136¼	119	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	129⅝	.. 10.6 9.573
123¼	105	Treas	11¼%	2001-04	114⅝	.. 9.8 9.516
111¼	94¼	Treas	10%	2004	105⅝	.. 9.5 9.318
59¼	51½	Fund	5¼%	1999-04	57⅝	.. 9.1 9.303
102¾	91¼	Conv	9¼%	2004	99⅝	.. 9.3 9.332
107¾	90¼	Exch	9¼%	2005	101⅝	.. 9.1 9.277
116¾	99¼	Treas	10¼%	2005	112⅝	.. 9.2 9.383
132¼	111¼	Treas	12¼%	2003-05	125⅝	.. 9.8 9.358
94¼	79¼	Treas	C9¼%	2002-05	89⅝	.. 9.4 9.368
110¾	93¼	Conv	9¾%	2006	103⅝	.. 9.4 9.270
107¾	91¼	Conv	9¼%	2006	101⅝	.. 9.1 9.177
132¼	111¼	Treas	12¼%	2003-07	125⅝	.. 9.8 9.356
94¼	79¼	Treas	8¾%	2008 A	89⅝	.. 9.0 9.141
104¾	89¼	Treas	9%	2008	98⅝	.. 9.2 9.156
102¼	88¼	Conv	9¼%	2007	97⅝	.. 9.5 9.141
69¾	58¼	Treas	6%	1999-09	64⅝	.. 9.3 9.293
97¼	82¼	Treas	8%	2013-17	91⅝	.. 8.8 9.246

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46¾	39¼	Consols	4%		92	—
41¾	34¼	War Ln	3½%		89⅝	—
53	46	Conv	5%		93⅝	—
34¾	29¼	Treas	2½%		91	—
29¾	24¼	Consols	2½%		91	—
29¾	24¼	Treas	2½%		91	—

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133¼	104	Treas 1¼%	1988	133⅝	..	2.0 2.937
119¾	100	Treas 2%	1988	119⅝	..	2.0 2.941
101	93¼	Treas 2%	1992	101⅝	..	2.1 1.872
135¼	117	Treas 2%	1988	135⅝	..	2.1 3.324
111¾	98¼	Treas 2%	1996	111⅝	..	2.0 3.016
129¼	104¼	Treas 2%	2006	129⅝	..	2.0 3.543
113	94¼	Treas 2%	2006	113⅝	..	2.0 3.089
111¾	93¼	Treas 2%	2009	111⅝	..	2.0 3.089
131¾	88	Treas 2%	2011	131⅝	..	2.0 3.091
113¾	93¼	Treas 2%	2013	113⅝	..	2.0 3.089
113¾	93¼	Treas 2%	2016	113⅝	..	2.0 3.089
101¾	81¼	Treas 2%	2020	101⅝	..	2.0 3.089
99¾	68¼	Treas 2%	2024	99⅝	..	2.0 3.089

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
213	186	Allied Irish	200	210	● ..	9.0	4.5	5.5
196	71	Anglocaribbean (Hldgs)	90	96	..	2.7c	3.5	22.1
136	128	Arc New Z	134	136	+3	..	..	..
246	175	Bank of Ireland	178	180	● ..	17.0b	8.7	..
259	205	Bank of Scotland	252	254	+5	13.4	4.9	11.2
544	365	Barclays	534	536	+8	34.0	5.1	8.6
265	205	Brown Shipley	260	262	..	15.0	5.7	10.2
483	345	Bs Mortgage	470	475	..	27.0	5.7	12.3
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Arden	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Holdings	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Mercantile	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Mortgage	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Trust	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Trustees	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Unit Trust	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Unit Trust Mgrs	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Unit Trustees	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Unit Trusts	¹⁄₁₆	⅛	..	..	..	..
1¹⁄₁₆	¹⁄₁₆	Cedar Unit Trusts

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Hi Inc Equity	104.4	111.0p	+0.9	5.27
Worldwide Bd	184.3	197.1p	+0.1	4.91
American Gth	119.5	127.1	+0.9	1.38
Asian Pacific	51.5	54.7p	-0.3	2.52
Assets & Earns	120.6	128.2p	+1.0	2.25
Capital Rsv	76.8	77.2	..	1.31
Comm Energy	107.5	109.2	..	..
Euro Capital	62.0	66.3	-1.1	1.12
General	133.5	142.1	+1.8	3.17
Japan	75.1	80.3	-1.4	..
UK Gth Inc	111.6	118.7	+0.1	2.03
Do Acc	162.9	173.2	+0.3	1.39
US Emerg Co	30.6	32.5p	-2.9	0.00
Income Gth	213.1	226.6p	+3.9	3.97
Master Acc	93.3	99.2	+0.3	3.47
Aftercan Inc	97.9	104.1	+0.2	5.37
Ethical Tst	36.3	38.6	+0.4	2.24

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401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QZ
01-837 8484

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	98.5	105.0	-1.9	1.21
Exempt	102.0	108.7	+0.3	4.61
Far Eastern	166.7	180.4	+0.2	0.10
Fin & Prop	69.5	72.9	-1.1	2.96
Hi Yield	82.9	86.9p	+0.3	9.64
Income & Gth	261.3	276.8p	+0.8	5.14
Int Earnings	157.6	167.2	+0.6	3.26
Int Growth Inc	77.9	82.6	-0.5	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	124.0	132.5	+0.5	4.27
N Amer Gth Inc	104.8	111.9	-1.7	2.71
Preference Inc	123.2	130.5p	+0.3	9.61
Smlr Co Div Inc	78.5	83.2	-1.0	4.99
Smlr Co Gth	229.1	253.3	-4.7	1.70
Spec Sits Inc	111.8	118.4p	-2.7	1.70
Us Growth	321.7	340.8p	+1.9	3.75

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, Wilts SN1 1EL
0793 38291 dealing:0793 611356

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	252.9	278.7	+1.7	5.24
Equity Inc	151.3	160.7	+1.3	3.66
High Yield	152.3	162.5p	+1.2	5.37
Balanced	358.5	380.0p	+2.3	3.78
Amer Inc	24.7	26.2	+0.1	4.83
World Ass Val	141.2	150.0	+0.8	0.01
Japan	117.5	125.1	+0.8	0.01
Sec of Amer	161.6	171.3p	+0.2	0.61
Asset Value	246.3	261.1p	+2.6	3.50
G'eas Earn	180.8	191.7p	+1.7	5.63
Recovery	87.5	92.7p	+1.1	2.76
Us Spec Sit	20.7	22.0p	+0.2	0.00
Smlr Co	148.0	156.9	+0.9	2.78
Capital	213.3	226.1	+3.2	3.43
Amer Spec Sit	48.9	52.1	..	3.05
International	80.8	86.1	+0.6	1.57
Growth & Inc	152.4	140.2	+0.6	3.99
Euro Gth	17.2	18.3	-0.1	1.50
Pacific	172.2	189.8	+0.5	0.53
2nd Smlr Co	163.2	154.2	+1.0	2.24

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Americn	35.5	37.8	-1.1	2.38
Australian	16.3	17.4	-0.5	1.96
Japan & Gen	137.8	146.7	-0.2	0.03
High Income	48.7	51.7p	-0.5	5.97
International	75.3	80.2	-0.7	0.65
Income Growth	55.8	59.4	-0.6	5.01
Gth/Fixed Int	52.4	23.9	..	10.10
Global Inc	31.3	33.3	-0.4	5.63
Spec Sit	52.3	55.7	-0.5	1.58

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	68.7	72.5	+1.4	3.58
Euro Gth Inc	56.2	59.7	+0.1	2.31
Extra Income	81.6	86.8p	+0.6	5.51
General	143.3	152.4	+2.6	3.21
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.8	56.6p	..	9.71
Income Tst	347.1	369.2	+4.8	4.53
Int Income	46.7	49.6	+0.1	4.71
Smlr Co Inc	33.8	35.9	+0.1	1.57

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 6000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australia	56.1	61.7p	+0.6	0.00
Eastern	54.8	60.2p	-0.1	0.00
Equity Inc	58.6	62.4p	+0.7	5.10
Europe	100.4	106.9	+0.4	0.76
Exempt Tst	50.0	53.1	..	4.00
Growth & Inc	65.9	70.1	+0.2	3.29
Global Gth	63.0	66.9p	+0.7	1.08
Japan Spec	116.6	123.6	+0.4	0.00
Japan Sun	119.3	127.5	-3.0	0.00
First Europe	94.1	100.1	+1.2	0.10
First Japan	93.1	99.0	+0.6	0.00
First N Amer	93.4	99.4	+0.2	1.50
First Smlr Co	71.0	75.5p	..	1.50
N Amer Spec	32.0	34.0	+0.2	0.30

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	126.5	134.6	..	1.63
Smlr Co Acc	261.5	266.1p	..	1.38
Do Inc	159.1	168.4p	..	1.39
High Income	67.7	72.1	..	5.14
Income	78.1	83.1p	..	5.14
Man Portf Inc	67.7	72.1	..	2.19
Do Acc	114.8	122.1	..	2.19
Nth American	39.5	42.0	..	0.21
Omnia	71.5	80.0p	..	0.00
Exempt	210.3	224.3p	..	2.98
Recovery	48.3	51.1p	..	0.35
German	92.4	98.4p	..	1.56
Int Recov	129.6	222.2	..	1.90
Europe	15.1	16.0	..	2.09

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 823 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emerg Inc	..	..	..	..
Fellowship Inc	51.7	55.0	..	1.67
General Inc 4	230.0	230.8p	..	2.38
Do Acc 4	359.0	378.4	..	2.38
Income Fd 3	101.1	112.9p	-3.2	5.60
Do Acc 3	199.0	208.7	-8.0	5.60
Int Inc 2	91.2	96.1	..	1.79
Do Acc 2	122.1	128.1	..	1.79
Smlr Inc 5	77.3	81.5	..	2.03
Do Acc 5	83.2	87.9	..	2.03

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	35.3	38.4p	..	3.14
Income	34.0	36.8p	+0.3	0.37
Far East	22.1	23.9p	+0.1	0.26
Nth American	32.2	34.0p	-1.1	0.93
Global	35.0	37.9	-1.1	0.95
European	35.1	37.9	+0.7	1.52
Japan	66.3	71.7	+0.1	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 561 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-623 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	337.5	357.1	+5.1	1.83
Income	305.4	324.9	+3.1	4.91
Nth Amer	191.8	204.0	+2.5	2.34

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	437.5	..	..	4.59
Fixed Int	145.2	..	..	9.85
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.18

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND,
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	409.8	..	..	4.95
Acc	£12.7165	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.23

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S/C Spec St	54.7	57.9	..	0.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	15.9	17.0	+0.1	1.25
Atlas Gth	19.6	21.1	+0.1	1.48
Dragon Gth	16.5	17.7	..	3.16
Equity Hi Inc	48.5	51.4p	+0.2	5.30
European Gth	21.2	22.5p	..	2.12
Gen Equity	41.1	43.6	+0.2	3.26
Gilt Instnl Gth	32.4	34.2	-0.1	7.88
Gilt & Fixed Inc	21.1	22.5p	-0.1	10.64
Int Income Tst	21.2	22.6p	-0.1	6.07
Japan Gth	37.2	39.6	+0.3	0.00
Peacgree Gth	24.5	26.1	+0.3	2.60
Special Sits	32.9	31.8	+0.3	2.60

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	45.9	48.7p	+0.5	4.27
Do Acc	46.9	50.0p	+0.6	4.27
Income Inc	48.9	52.0p	+0.7	4.62
Do Acc	50.4	53.6p	+0.8	4.63
Worldwide Inc	37.8	40.2p	+0.4	2.56
Do Acc	38.0	40.6	+0.4	1.12
Gamma Inc	28.1	29.9	+0.3	1.04
Do Acc	28.1	29.9	+0.3	0.58
Amer Gth	45.5	48.4	+0.5	0.00
Euro Gth	45.3	48.2	..	0.70
Far East	47.8	50.8	..	0.18

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04863 5933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	92.8	100.3	+0.9	1.00
Canadian Gth	18.5	17.3	+0.1	1.50
European Tst	81.4	86.0	+0.5	..
General	222.2	240.3	+2.6	3.56
High Income	268.0	289.7	+3.7	5.63
Int Tech Tst	91.5	98.9	+0.9	..
Japanese Tst	170.8	184.6	+0.4	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9EL
0737-243424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	42.8	46.1p	+0.1	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	32.5	35.4	+0.3	1.50
International	41.4	44.8p	+0.5	3.50
N Amer Gth	33.6	36.3	+0.8	3.50
Pacific Gth	45.1	48.6p	..	0.00
UK Gth Acc	49.9	53.7	+0.9	0.50
Do Dist	45.8	52.5	+1.0	0.50
UK Income	48.2	53.0	+0.5	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Shelley Crescent, Edinburgh
031-225 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	48.6	51.8p	+0.4	1.83
Capital Fd	161.5	169.6	+1.3	1.57
Eurofund	20.1	21.4	-0.1	2.34
Growth & Inc	144.2	153.6	+1.7	3.38
High Dist Fd	122.2	130.6p	+0.5	5.55
International	168.0	179.4	+1.0	1.32
Pacific Fd	16.2	17.6	+0.1	0.00
Recovery Fd	15.0	16.2	+0.1	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	33.5	35.7	+0.3	..
Tokyo Fd	160.2	170.7	+0.9	0.00
Ex Amer 2	107.0	114.1	..	2.21
Ex Japan 3	103.0	109.4p	..	0.00
Ex Pacific 4	253.5	261.5	..	0.36
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	71.4	75.8p	+1.1	3.21
Do Acc	74.5	79.0p	+1.2	3.06
UK Gen Acc	101.4	107.6	+1.4	2.50
UK High Inc	80.8	85.7p	+0.4	5.11
N Amer Acc	56.8	60.6	+0.3	1.16
Far East Acc	94.9	101.2	+0.4	0.76
European Acc	93.8	99.6	+0.4	1.46
UK Gilt/Fi Inc	56.0	59.4p	..	9.75
Do Acc	63.4	67.2p	..	7.73
Int Spec Sits	33.1	35.3	+0.3	1.92

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB
0708 66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	100.6	107.3	-2.6	1.23

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 434480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equal Pension	77.6	82.6	+0.3	3.64
High Income	82.4	87.7p	+0.4	5.07
Gt/Fixed Interst	53.2	56.6	-0.2	7.51
Tst Of Inv Trsts	70.7	75.3	-0.7	1.98
Spec Sits Tst	77.2	82.2	+0.4	1.35
Nth Amer Tst	44.4	47.3	+0.3	1.58
Far East Tst	83.7	89.1	+0.7	0.45
Int Growth	42.8	45.6	-0.6	1.75
European Tst	36.3	38.7	-0.2	1.81

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1NP
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Un Gth Acc	153.0	163.6p	+2.2	3.81
Do Inc	123.4	137.3p	+1.9	3.81
Higher Inc Acc	200.7	306.2p	+3.2	4.96
Do Inc	215.6	230.5p	+2.8	4.96
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.3	116.1	-0.1	8.01
Do Inc	85.7	90.2	-0.1	8.01
N Amer Acc	93.1	99.5p	+0.4	0.36
Far East Acc	170.6	182.4p	+1.7	0.07
Euro Tst Acc	113.2	121.0	-0.5	0.95
Gen Tst	224.3	239.8	+2.6	3.85
Snr Exempt	35.6	38.9	+1.0	3.42

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	43.5	46.3	-0.8	0.16
UK Inc Fd	81.3	86.5	+1.1	3.14
Far East Fd	77.4	78.1	+0.5	0.00
Overseas Inc	51.9	55.5p	-0.4	4.53
Fxd Interest	57.3	61.0p	..	9.78
Natural Res Fd	57.6	61.3	+0.6	2.74
European Inc	54.0	57.5	+0.2	3.67
Financials Fd	38.1	40.6	+0.1	2.94
Int Tech Fd	84.9	90.4	+0.2	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3122

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Britain Gth Acc	54.5	58.0	..	..
Do Inc	53.2	56.6	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	27.6	29.4	-0.2	..
Do Inc	26.9	28.6	-0.2	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	49.6	52.8p	+0.1	4.00
Do Inc	44.1	46.9p	..	4.00
Serv Co Acc	57.8	61.5p	..	..
Do Inc	56.7	60.3p	..	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	17.4	18.5	+0.1	..
Do Inc	17.4	18.5	+0.1	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	13.5	14.4	-0.2	1.00
Do Inc	13.5	14.4	-0.2	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	80.8	86.5p	+1.2	1.16
Amer Eqty Inc	25.2	25.9p	+0.5	5.02
Amer Spec Sit	33.6	36.0	+0.1	0.67
Australian	70.1	171.4p	+0.1	2.99
European	45.2	48.4	-0.5	..
European Inc	19.6	21.0	+0.1	4.56
Global Conv	20.7	22.1	..	5.53
Far East Inc	33.5	35.8p	-0.1	3.65
Dis/Fxd Interest	39.4	●	..	9.48
Growth & Inc	96.3	103.0p	-0.9	4.83
Japan Spec Sit	53.7	57.5	..	..
Japan	103.4	142.3	+1.3	..
Man Interest	104.6	111.9	..	0.57
Max Inc Eqty	87.7	93.8p	-0.7	5.54
Famous Name	33.5	35.9	-0.1	2.85
SE Asia	27.4	29.2	-0.1	0.48
Spec Sit	210.7	225.5	-0.1	0.80
Eastern Opps	18.9	20.2	..	..

FRASHLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
6, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 8161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer/Can Inc	130.6	139.7	+0.8	..
Capital Inc	133.4	141.1	+0.2	..
Amer Tusts Inc	139.7	147.8	+0.9	1.03
Do Acc	144.9	153.3	+0.9	1.03
Capital Inc	223.9	237.0	+1.4	2.17
Do Acc	263.3	278.8	+1.6	2.17
Corn/Gilt Inc	94.7	100.2	..	4.65
Do Acc	130.8	138.4	..	4.65
Extra Inc Inc	202.7	214.4	+1.9	4.46
Do Acc	207.1	219.0	+2.0	4.46
Financial Acc	36.9	39.0p	+0.1	0.36
Do Inc	36.8	38.9p	+0.1	0.36
Income Tst	133.9	141.8p	+1.3	4.97
High Income Inc	147.7	156.3p	+1.4	5.14
Int Growth Inc	115.1	121.7p	+0.6	..
Do Acc	127.8	135.2p	+0.6	..
Japan Gen Inc	92.9	98.3	+1.3	..
Do Acc	92.9	98.3	+1.3	..
Monthly Inc Fd	102.2	108.1p	+0.4	4.00
PEP 87	50.1	53.0	+0.3	2.97
Recovery	126.5	134.0	+0.3	1.50
Do Acc	149.2	157.8	+1.0	1.35

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	193.0	204.6p	+1.4	3.64
Equity Inc	220.3	233.5p	+2.3	3.64
Euro Gth Dist	45.9	48.7	..	1.03
Do Acc	45.9	48.7	..	1.03
Fxd Interest Di	115.9	123.3p	-0.2	10.05
Do Acc	146.7	156.0p	-0.3	10.05
Int Gth Dist	46.7	49.6	+0.7	1.51
Do Acc	46.7	49.6	+0.7	1.51
Nth Amer Dist	96.1	102.2	+0.4	0.76
Do Acc	96.1	102.2	+0.4	0.76
Pac Basin Dist	147.6	156.8	-0.7	0.24
Do Acc	147.8	157.0	-0.8	0.24
Steward Ind Dist	46.4	49.2	-0.2	4.06
Do Acc	201.3	213.5p	-1.9	1.45
Steward Inc Di	46.4	49.2	-0.2	4.06
Do Acc	46.4	49.2	-0.2	4.06
N Am Steward Di	43.8	46.5	+0.5	2.15
Do Acc	43.8	46.5	+0.5	2.15

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Gth Inc	104.5	111.2	+1.7	2.90
UK Cap Inc	152.8	162.6	+2.5	2.90
Income Fd	86.4	92.0	+0.6	6.90
International	129.4	137.7	-0.1	0.00
US & General	37.9	40.4	..	1.20
Japan & Gen	233.2	248.1	+3.0	0.19
Far East Gen	107.1	114.0p	+1.1	0.20
European Fd	131.7	140.1	-3.0	1.10
Germany Fd	49.9	53.1	..	1.20
Int Inc Fd	43.8	46.6p	+0.2	5.50
Wld Spec Sit	50.5	53.8	+0.6	1.80

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5756 Dealing
01-623 5806 Investor Service (Freephone)
0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Tst	58.4	62.7	+0.1	0.70
Australasian Tst	29.8	31.9	+0.1	0.00
British Acc	50.1	54.6	+1.4	2.24
Do Dist	51.4	55.2	+1.2	2.24
Common Shar	58.9	63.3	+0.3	1.00
European Tst	53.5	57.5	+0.1	0.75
Extra Income	53.5	57.6p	+1.1	4.68
Far East Tst	110.3	118.6	-1.8	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	57.3	59.4	-0.3	8.77
Gilt Edged Inc	52.3	56.2	+0.1	10.23
Int Fxd Interest	24.0	25.6	..	9.47
Global Fd Acc	142.1	152.9p	+0.6	0.40
Do Dist	134.3	144.5p	+0.7	0.40
Gold Shares Tst	118.1	126.9	+0.6	0.00
Hedged Amer	27.3	29.3p	+0.2	0.50
High Income	27.6	29.7p	+0.2	5.73
Hong Kong Tst	25.7	27.6	-0.5	0.60
Japan Smlr Co	69.4	74.7	-1.4	0.00
Japan Tst	112.9	121.3	+0.2	0.00
Managed Expt	230.7	240.3	+2.3	2.66
Oil & Energy	33.2	35.8	-0.6	2.50
Spec Sit Tst	89.0	95.6	+2.2	1.34
Wld Sm Co Fac	84.3	91.2	+0.5	0.00
Cheltenham UK	21.9	23.2	+0.5	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Cheapside House, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	77.0	82.3	+0.3	1.39
American Gth	47.3	50.5	+0.3	1.56
American Inc	50.3	53.7	+0.1	6.47
European Gth	44.3	47.3	-0.1	1.45
Gold & Mnrls	58.3	62.0	+0.3	0.55
Japan Gth	51.2	54.7	+0.8	..
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Geoff Unwin: Advising on strategy, operating plans

The subcontractor who ensures that your wish is his command


Geoff Unwin is managing director of the Hoskyns Group

Facilities *management* is a much-misunderstood term. For the sake of clarity, therefore, FM is best defined as "a service whereby a contractor takes management and financial responsibility for the whole or a major part of a data processing or management *information systems* function – employing the staff, buying, or taking over the leases on the computers and running the whole installation in situ or on the contractor's premises. An agreed service is then provided for an agreed price."

The idea of subcontracting IT is nothing new. Bureaux have been operating for many years. FM *itself has been running in the UK* since 1970. The differences lie in the growth, size, and scale of operations.

FM is growing at some 35 per cent a year whereas bureaux are in relative decline. The size of company adopting the FM approach is increasing. In the States, the likes *of Nasa and General Motors* have passed responsibility for IT to a third party. Nearer to home, Hoover, The Rank Organization, British Shipbuilders, and Bejam, for example, have all taken the FM route.

*Perhaps most important, how*ever, is the change in the scale of FM deals. What, five years ago, was mainly an operations only-type contract has become a total IT service – advising on strategy, *implementing new plans, develop*ing systems, as well as maintaining and operating existing facilities.

So what effect does this apparently *self-resourcing service* have on the job market and career opportunities? To answer this question it is important to look at both sides of the equation – those who join from outside and those who are acquired through FM *contracts.*

The sheer rate of growth in FM creates a recruitment need. FM is, after all, a business in its own *right, requiring not only* service suppliers but also sales, marketing, and administrative support. The extent to which contractors are now involved with customer's IT, moreover, demands a vast technical skills set as well as a wealth of *premium management* skills. Indeed it is a company's difficulty in finding and retaining the right staff that often contributes to it taking the FM approach.

For the DP professional, however, FM does offer a different kind of career opportunity.

Unlike most computer services, which tend to offer career paths through consultancy or project management into business administration, FM suppliers retain structures similar to in-house DP departments, but *with a much* expanded scope for development.

DP, as an in-house service function, is restricted in both the variety of work it will perform and the rate at which it can allow for personal advancement. Experience will often be restricted to one or two systems and one applications set. The ability to develop new skills is limited, which is why many working in this sphere change jobs every two or three years. Promotion, too, will usually rely on the advancement or departure of others with little in the way of departmental growth to create the gaps.

FM suppliers are, usually, multi-client, multi-technology, and multi-application. The opportunities to learn and develop are, therefore, many times greater. As a service, *moreover, the suc*cess of FM relies heavily on the performance of its people; thus an FM supplier will invest a lot of time and money in enhancing the *technical, applications, and man*agement skills of its staff.

Career advancement in an expanding business is always easier and quicker. Furthermore, as FM suppliers are in the IT business, there are no restrictions as to how high this advancement can take the ambitious and capable.

The range of career choice is also wider. Following the tra*ditional path, there is nothing to* stop an FM professional from rising through the ranks into data centre management and beyond. Others may prefer to pursue more *technically- related careers, or,* perhaps to move into account management and direction or even to move away from service supply into running the FM business.

For those who are acquired through FM the opportunities are exactly the same. As more and more people are going to be affected by this process, however, it is worthwhile explaining what happens and what it means to the individual.

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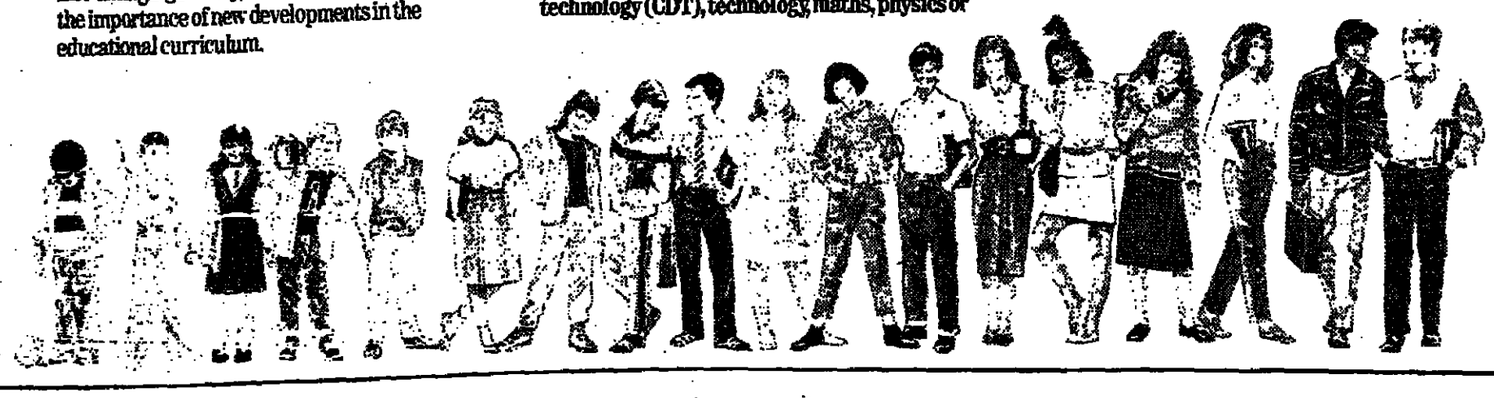
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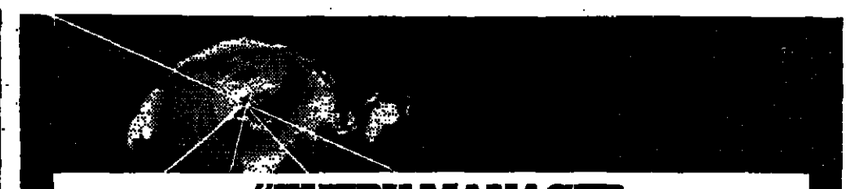
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One thing that is certain is that under the 1948 Companies Act, companies must have a company secretary: less easy to define are the duties. The Act does not do so and there are probably as many definitions as there are post holders, ranging from "trouble shooter" to "Jack of all trades" – but without the usual corollary.

Secretaries are basically administrators. A company full of technical managers and specialists engaged with their own responsibilities needs someone to take charge of the general matters. "I supply management and the board with advice," says one, "ensuring that the company complies with legal and statutory requirements, and acts as a manager as and when required."

There are three strands then: administration, legal and secretarial. The latter covers responsibility to the board and to shareholders: secretaries service the board, preparing agendas and documentation, later communicating decisions to interested parties, and actually minuting the meetings. In addition, they act as links with shareholders, maintaining records, preparing annual reports and organizing AGMs.

> Company secretaries are increasingly drawn from women who can dictate the flow of their firm's policies faster than their own secretaries can take the instructions down, says **Beryl Dixon**

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Legally, they must ensure that the company stays within the law and responds to new legislation, and make sure that contracts are watertight. Employee legislation, also, sometimes comes within the secretariat's province. Administration covers everything else.

"Everything ends up here," says one secretary cheerfully, "leasing, pensions, information technology, office management – even the house magazine".

Some secretaries are responsible for accounting, but this, as does responsibility for detailed legal work, depends very much on a secretary's previous experience.

Personal skills are very important in company secretarial work: servicing the board, shareholders and various departments calls for diplomacy and communication ability.

Secretaries need also to be meticulous in attention to detail and willing to stay abreast of trends in commerce and changes in legislation. Some tasks are reactive to others' requirements: some proactive, as they seek to implement new ideas and services.

Some secretaries are "the right hand of God", says the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, while others have to accept being a power behind the scenes.

At junior level they must also be patient. Few would deny that the first two years of a trainee's life can be frankly monotonous. Not all get the variety Lynda Walsh did.

Lynda is fairly unusual in that she trained as a company secretary immediately after university. Not many companies operate training schemes, and most secretaries move into the job after experience in other departments. Lynda contacted the ICSA for information while still at school.

Then, keeping career options open, she took a degree in Russian and Soviet studies at Surrey, which also allowed her to take the "core" subjects necessary for a possible career in law. She joined British Aerospace, which has a company secretarial training scheme for graduates, and for two years was seconded to different sites – four in all.

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The fourth was at head office, where she helped to implement the BAe offer for sale. Her first substantive post was at Stevenage as assistant to the divisional secretary.

Among other duties she was "lumbered with data protection" and attended management committee meetings – for the first time with the nerve-wracking duty of taking minutes when everyone was using first names and technical acronyms.

Now, as assistant secretary in the Weybridge and Kingston Military Aircraft Division, Lynda works at the Kingston site, responsible to both the secretary at Weybridge and to the general manager at Kingston. There are some personnel matters: the secretariat looks after executives and directors; local directors' meetings, and "anything the general manager throws in this direction".

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Hard-headed humour: Eamonn McCabe captures John Shaw, the Bristol City goalkeeper, in a study of ball-watching

Photographers, and particularly amateur photographers, love to bombard you with technicialities: as if the whole process of taking a picture with a single-lens reflex camera were so frightfully complicated that you need to be a second Einstein to produce any picture at all.

A few years ago, I used to travel around Asia writing stories. Editors wanted package deals with photographs, so I bought a camera and a bag of lenses and took the snaps myself. This was enough to remove most of my respect for the technical skills — and to give me the most enormous admiration for those photographers who have mastered the one truly complex tool in photography, the use of which makes all the difference between a snap and a picture. The tool in question is the human eye.

Sports photography was once only about getting snaps of the winning goal. But it has burst its boundaries. Sport is the most marvellous subject for a good photographer: grace, action, patterns, terrible anguish and great elation are the daily currency of sport.

There are two big names in British sports photography, and by one of those cosmic coincidences, both have a book out right now. When confronted by pleasurable alternatives the answer is always to do both.

The pioneer of sports photography, the first man to bend it away from the mere recording of news, was Chris Smith, formally with *The Observer*, and now with *The Sunday Times*. He was followed at *The Observer* by Eamonn McCabe.

But first, a declaration of interest. I wrote the introduction to the McCabe book. I suppose it is just about ethical for me to write about the pictures here: I do not actually have a financial interest in the book's sales, and the pictures really are worth going on about.

The two books together are a wonderful contrast. Smith takes tough-guy photographs: his work is macho and dramatic. He takes sport at its own valuation, and loves to make it still bigger.

Smith's trademark is the silhouette: leaping horses, scrambling cyclo-crosses, canoeists, even Muhammad Ali: black shapes against moody skies. He is fascinated by the mechanics of athleticism: in some revealing shots he turns men into machines, and athletes devote their lives to turning themselves into machines for victory.

He gets a little sensitive when you applaud his immense technical skills: "fastest focuser I've ever seen," as McCabe once remarked. Smith worries that you imply his work has no emotional content. But his shot of Ballesteros, with a wind-cheater held like a matador's cape, but a matador who is beginning to get rather frightened of the bulls, is the best picture ever taken of that much-photographed man.

Smith was once a guardsman, and stood outside Buckingham Palace. McCabe was a hippy film-maker in San Francisco who once made a movie in which everything was shot from ankle height (he was very young at the time). Those who enjoy the biographical approach will relish the difference between the hippy and the guardsman shown in the two books.

The most obvious difference is that McCabe has a sense of humour: as shown in the shot above, which I love. His gentle teasing is perhaps his own trademark: where Smith sees heroes and giants, McCabe sees people, prone to disaster, anxiety, and always capable of making terrible idiots of themselves.

All the same, the most frightening sports picture ever taken is McCabe's: his shot in Heysel Stadium snatched at the second the disaster struck is unforgettable. Smith and McCabe are both great sports photographers: each has won the Sports Photographer of the Year title four times.

But McCabe no longer takes nothing but sports photographs. He has taken to prowling through unfamiliar towns with a little Leica in his pocket, taking odd, lonely pictures: dustbins, crumbling seafront promenades, tailors' dummies, a car contained, for some unknown reason, in a polythene bag. The "landscapes" in the book are weird and haunting, and some people have a job reconciling the bald goalie with the old man in Soweto. But both books say more about sport, and, if you like, life, than just about any of all the wordy offerings that are filling the shops right now.

● *Sport In Focus* (Partridge Press, £18).

● *Eamonn McCabe: Photographer* (Kingswood Press, £15).

SPORTS LETTERS

Competing on equal terms

From Mr Brian Davies
Sir, I find John Woodcock's comment about England's "surrendering the high moral ground" (November 30) very sanctimonious and difficult to reconcile with the facts as they have been presented to us. It is Pakistan who have:
1. Quite blatantly given instructions for a pitch to be prepared which suits their bowling strengths.
2. Given the lead in disrupting umpiring decisions when it suits them to do so.
3. Resorted to behaviour, when appealing, which is clearly intimidatory.
4. Made suspiciously bad appointments as umpires.

Mike Gatting was quite right. The game is about "competing on equal terms" and this has not been the case in the present dispute.

Comments about the unreadability of Qadir's leg breaks and the ineptness of the English batting are irrelevant. No game is worth playing if the intention to compete fairly is not demonstrated by all the participants.
Yours faithfully,
BRIAN DAVIES,
83 St Andrews Road North,
Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.

From Mr W.N. David
Sir, John Woodcock may well be right that Shakeel Khan is incompetent rather than a cheat, but he misses the point. The cheats are the fielders, particularly the wicketkeepers, who scream their appeals when they know full well the batsman has not hit the ball. No one who thinks Broad got a touch could have eyesight good enough to enable him to play first-class cricket.
Yours faithfully,
W. N. DAVID,
Plothers, Badgers Road,
Badgers Mount,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr Oliver Johnson
Sir, Without wanting to criticize Chris Broad for his dissent in the first Test match in Lahore, it seems clear that Broad has been hypocritical.

In the September issue of *The Cricketer* magazine, Broad explains his views about umpiring. He claims to believe "that cricket is a game played by gentlemen", generously stating that "umpires must be given the control to adjudicate as they see fit." Although a heat-of-the-moment decision, perhaps Chris Broad should have remembered his comments in an international magazine.
Yours sincerely,
OLIVER JOHNSON,
37 Pedmore Lane,
Pedmore, Stourbridge,
West Midlands.

From Mr Raynald Franks
Sir, The time has clearly arrived when an international panel of Test match umpires should be recruited.

However splendid their reputation for ability and fairness, they must not be asked to stand in a Test match in which their own country is involved.
Yours faithfully,
RAYNALD FRANKS,
Stables Cottage,
Weald Manor,
Bampton, Oxford.

From Mr Robert Willis
Sir, Following the controversy regarding whether Chris Broad should have walked when given out, I was interested to notice a heading in the Anglican Prayer Book "Dismissal". Underneath are written the words "Go in Peace".

After reading Len Hutton's and Denis Compton's comments, it is interesting to learn what God would have done in similar circumstances.
BOB WILLIS,
Little Kesters,
17 Magpie Hall Lane,
Bromley, Kent.

Unfair conditions

From Mr L.A. Fisher
Sir, Last Sunday I took several small children to see what I expected to be a quality game of hockey, Southgate v Firebrands in the Hockey Association Cup. I am a regular supporter of top-class football but have little knowledge of the game of hockey except that Southgate seem to have many international players.

Apart from the initial problems in finding where the game was being played (it was advertised as being at Neasden but actually took place at a local school), we settled down to watch a good match of some skill and quality played in quite appalling weather conditions throughout.

I was more than a little puzzled when the match was abandoned with about eight minutes' play remaining in conditions which had subsisted for the whole of the second half. No announcement was made to the many spectators of this decision; many thought that full-time had been called.

When I approached and discussed the matter with an umpire and an official observer, I was told that the match had been called off because it would have been unfair to one of the sides to have continued. I took this to mean that it was unfair to the side that was losing but since the conditions had been the same for both sides throughout, I really could not see the justification for this remark.

Does this mean that we should now be considering calling off any game of international cricket when the pitch disintegrates on the basis that it is "unfair" to one of the sides? Come on hockey administrators, it is about time you got your act together and considered all aspects of a game, not least the spectators.
Yours faithfully,
L.A. FISHER,
27 Saddlescombe Way, N12.

Expansion denied

From Mr Paul D. Kyle
Sir, It was with great sadness that I read of the refusal by the Department of the Environment for the proposed expansion of Princes Water Ski Club in Bedfont, Middlesex. I have known the club for many years, and my grown-up children learned to ski there.

As it has been pointed out, most of the surrounding area is derelict land, and for the past many months has been an eyesore and is of benefit to no one. On the other hand, Princes have struggled with enormous handicaps to turn a site of desolation into an attractive sporting venue, which has benefited probably thousands of people over the last 20 years. It seems insensitive and blinkered to deny an expansion of their facilities in this particular part of the so-called Green Belt.

It is ironic that in this country there is no policy for the expansion of sport where it is so desperately needed.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL D. KYLE,
1 Fairwater House,
Twickenham Road,
Teddington, Middlesex.

Ownership of football clubs

From Mr Ivor Benveniste,
The recent row that Robert Maxwell has had with the management committee of the Football League highlights a serious loophole in the League's rules concerning the ownership of several clubs. It appears irrational to allow this situation to arise, whatever the initial motives of Mr Maxwell, because the charge that the results of matches can be arranged is potentially damaging to the industry.

It is also naive to suggest that rules cannot be devised to prevent this situation arising. Accountants have faced similar ownership and control problems which have been resolved in two ways.

Firstly, companies that form part of a group, where more than 50 per cent of the shares are held by outsiders, are often consolidated in the group's accounts. The terms of reference can be found in SSAP1 "Accounting for Associated Companies" which uses as a yardstick a holding of 20 per cent as a basis for determining whether control over a company can be exercised.

Secondly, tax legislation has long contained clauses dealing with associated parties in order to combat tax avoidance in family/controlled company operations.

The Football League therefore needs to devise "Rules of Association" as soon as possible to prevent ownership of more than one club in a single division. The above examples should assist in this process.
Yours faithfully,
IVOR BENVENISTE,
Levy Gee, Chartered Accountants,
100 Chalk Farm Road, NW1.

Awards merited

From Mr Graham McDonnell
Sir, In light of the recent increase in footballers being charged with bringing the game into disrepute, I feel that at the other end of the scale there are many senior players throughout the divisions who should be rewarded for their outstanding contribution, so bringing the game "into repute".

At present the only awards of this nature appear to be the odd MBE or OBE which are given by powers outside the game.

It would be nice for the Football League to make some special awards or commendations to such players and thus promote the good and positive side of the game rather than the negative attributes which receive so much publicity today.
Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM McDONNELL
26 Clarence Park, E12

Under strength

From Mr Alan Pavelin
Sir, An analysis of the 1988 cricket fixtures reveals the following proportions of matches, in each domestic competition, in which counties can expect to be at full strength (i.e. when there is not a Test match being played).

	Matches	No Test	Pct
County champ'ship	187	99	53
Sunday League	139	88	63
Other one-day	78	0	100

Is this a reflection of the relative importance with which the cricket authorities regard the various competitions?
Yours faithfully,
ALAN PAVELIN,
172 Leesons Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.

MOTOR RALLYING

Preparing for potholes on the road to Dakar

By Andrew Longmore

One of the best prepared attempts by a British team on the Paris-Dakar rally was officially launched yesterday in the appropriate setting of an engineering workshop in Hertfordshire.

Compared to the fanfare which accompanied last year's effort by the same duo of Barry Lee and Ted Toleman, this was a nuts-and-bolts occasion. No flashing lights, no rock music, no Steve Rider: just the car, a 12-ton truck and a few engineers.

The difference in tone reflects the fact that despite the backing of Shell and the trailer manufacturers Lohr, the team are working to a limited budget for an event which starts on New Year's Day.

The car, a specially modified Metro 6R4, has been prepared by a team of engineers, led by Nick Mason. The service truck, in itself a work of art, is a mobile workshop-cum-hospital which will carry, among other things, five spare gearboxes and axles, 50 gallons of water, and plenty of plasma. It has a 10-litre engine and is designed to travel at speeds of over 50mph.

On board will be three members of the nine-man team, with a further four following in the race aircraft.

"Last year we had a look at the event, and no matter how many books you read, how many people you speak to, in the end you have to go and see for yourself. This year, we aim to reach Dakar Beach," Lee said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford v Derby.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Tonbridge v Chelmsford.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University Past XV v South Korea (7.15).
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford University Greyhounds v Cambridge University LX Club (at Iffley Road, 3.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Derby v Birmingham (6.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Indoor county matches: Essex v Suffolk (at Colchester); Gloucestershire v Somerset (at Northavon).
BOXING: World flyweight title eliminator: Dave McAuley v Roy Thompson (at Belfast); Tournament: Cliffs Pavilion, Southend.
DIVING: Sun Life Cup (at Crystal Palace).
SNOOKER: Foster's World doubles championship (at Northampton).
SQUASH RACKETS: Rothwell open championship (at Leeds).

FISHING

Cutback on salmon netsmen welcomed

By Conrad Voss Bark

You may remember that the great Sir Humphrey Davy was complaining as long ago as 1828 about the commercial netsmen on Tay and Tweed taking all the salmon out of the river — which he thought was terrible. He said the only chance you got of fishing the fly was on Sundays when the nets were not working.

Today the netsmen are still working but less frequently and are having a lean time. The Salmon and Trout Association has just welcomed an increase of 18 hours in the close time in Scotland during which the nets cannot be worked.

Lord Home, president of the association, says: "It's very good news and the minimum compatible with conservation of stocks. We would have liked a longer weekly close time of a total of 72 hours but at least things are moving in the right direction."

Optimists among salmon fishermen think that this move, announced by the Secretary of State for Scotland to take effect in May, could be evidence of a change in government thinking to give priority to sports fishing over commercial netting.

The association is pressing for licensing of salmon dealers to be brought in as soon as possible. Parliament approved this last year but making the list of those who are to become authorized dealers still seems a long way off. A Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries official says apologetically: "It takes time."

Law Report December 3 1987 Privy Council

Difficulty in deciding whether government minister has a duty of care

Rowling and Another v Takaro Properties Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord Goff of Chievely

[Judgment November 30]

Although their Lordships did not reach any final conclusion on whether a duty of care rested on a government minister, reference was made to the relevant considerations affecting the decision whether, in a case where a minister, or other government agency, mistook the extent of his powers and made a decision which was later quashed on the ground of excess of statutory powers or of an irrelevant matter having been taken into account, a duty of care should arise so that an aggrieved party had a remedy in damages for negligence.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council allowed an appeal by the defendants, Mr Wallace Edward Rowling (a former Minister of Finance) and the Attorney General of New Zealand, from the judgement of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand on May 1, 1986 ([1986] 1 NZLR 22), allowing an appeal by the plaintiff company, Takaro Properties Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Quilliam in the High Court of New Zealand dismissing the company's claim for damages for negligence.

Section 28(1) of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1964 provides: "... the Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, if he is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purpose of safeguarding in the public interest the credit, overseas resources, or development of New Zealand, make regulations providing for the prohibition, restriction, regulation, and control of overseas exchange transactions affecting or likely to affect at any time the overseas resources of New Zealand."

Regulation 3 of the Capital Issues (Overseas) Regulations 1965 provides: "(1) Except with the consent of the Minister, it shall not be lawful ... (b) For any body corporate incorporated in New Zealand to raise money outside New Zealand by the issue, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere, of any shares in that body corporate."

Mr D. L. Mathieson, QC (of the New Zealand Bar) and Mr K. I. Murray, Crown Counsel, New Zealand, for the defendants; Dr George Barton and Mr John Marshall (both of the New Zealand Bar) for the company.

LORD KEITH said that in 1968 Mr R. S. Rush, a United States citizen, came to New Zealand. In 1969 he entered into an agreement with the Crown for the purchase of land. He incorporated the plaintiff company, with a share capital of $250,000, and the company set about building a high class tourist lodge on the land. The lodge opened for business in 1970. Heavy losses were incurred and it closed in May 1973 and did not re-open.

If the project was to be revived new sources of finance had to be found. In February 1973 Mr Rush reached an agreement with a Japanese company, Mitsubishi Rayon Co Ltd, that it would purchase a 90 per cent holding in the plaintiff company.

The transaction required the consent of the Minister of Finance under the Overseas Takeover Regulations 1964. The minister was Mr Rowling, a member of the Labour Government, and consent was refused.

Mr Rush then negotiated a different arrangement whereby, *inter alia*, Mitsubishi would subscribe for 80,000 ordinary $1 shares and 120,000 non-cumulative preference $1 shares in the capital of the company.

That issue of shares required, by virtue of the Capital Issues (Overseas) Regulations 1965, the consent of the Minister of Finance. The company applied for the minister's consent.

He consulted the Cabinet Economic Committee, who took the view that consent should be refused. The minister then made the formal decision to refuse consent, which was intimated in March 1974.

The company applied to the High Court for judicial review of the minister's decision. Chief Justice Wild quashed the decision and directed the minister to consider the application anew. The judgment was affirmed by the Court of Appeal ([1975] 2 NZLR 62).

Those decisions proceeded on the basis that the minister's refusal of consent was primarily motivated by a desire that the land should revert to indigenous New Zealand ownership, which was a consideration he was not entitled to take into account.

In 1975 Mitsubishi withdrew and the whole scheme for the attempted rescue of the company fell to the ground. The company never asked the minister to reconsider its application and he did not do so.

The company and Mr Rush instituted proceedings against the minister which gave rise to the present appeal. The action eventually came to trial before Mr Justice Quilliam, who gave judgment ([1986] 1 NZLR 22) in favour of the minister.

The judge held, *inter alia*, that the minister was under a *prima facie* duty of care but that no breach of that duty had been established. The Court of Appeal reversed that judgment as regards the company's claim in negligence, and the minister appealed.

In his consideration of the application for consent to the proposed share issue the minister wa acting as guardian of the public interest of New Zealand. He could not properly consent to a particular issue unless satisfied that it was in the interests of New Zealand, or at least not contrary to those interests. He decided, having consulted the Cabinet Economic Committee, that the proposed issue was contrary to the interests of New Zealand.

Chief Justice Wild, affirmed by the Court of Appeal, held that on a proper construction of the relevant Act and Regulations the minister had made a mistake, and he was not entitled to take into account the desirability, as he saw it, of the land reverting to New Zealand controlled ownership.

The legal proceedings resulted in delay and, because of that delay, combined with deteriorating economic circumstances, the main sponsors of the rescue package for the company pulled out.

The company claimed that it had suffered economic loss because of that event, that the event came about because of the minister's mistake, and that he was liable to it in damages for negligence, because he owed the company a duty of care not to make a mistake about the matters he was entitled to take into account in considering whether or not to consent to the proposed share issue, and was in breach of that duty. The character of the claim was novel.

Mr Justice Quilliam considered the question whether a duty of care arose with particular reference to the distinction between policy (or planning) decisions and operational decisions.

Their Lordships felt considerable sympathy with his difficulty in solving the problem by simple reference to that distinction, and inclined to the opinion that the distinction did not provide a touchstone of liability, but rather was expressive of the need to exclude altogether those cases in which the decision under attack was of such a kind that a question whether it had been negligently was unsuitable for judicial resolution, of which notable examples were discretionary decisions on the allocation of scarce resources or the distribution of risks.

If that was right, classification of the relevant decision as a policy or planning decision in that sense might exclude liability; but a conclusion that it did not fall within that category did not mean that a duty of care would necessarily exist.

It was at that stage that it was necessary, before concluding that a duty of care should be imposed, to consider all the relevant circumstances. One of the considerations underlying certain recent decisions of the House of Lords (*Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Ltd* ([1985] AC 210)) and of the Privy Council (*Yuen Kun Yeu v Attorney-General of Hong Kong* (*The Times* June 11, 1987; [1987] 3 WLR 776) was the fear that a too literal application of the well known observation of Lord Wilberforce in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728, 751-752) might be productive of a failure to have regard to, and to analyse and weigh, all the relevant considerations in considering whether it was appropriate that a duty of care should be imposed.

That question was of an intensely pragmatic character, well suited for gradual development but requiring most careful analysis. It was one upon which all common-law jurisdictions could learn much from each other; because, apart from exceptional cases, no sensible distinction could be drawn in that respect between the various countries and the social conditions existing in them.

It was incumbent upon the courts in different jurisdictions to be sensitive to each other's reactions; but what they were all searching for in others, and each of them striving to achieve, was a careful analysis and weighing of the relevant competing considerations.

It was in that spirit that a case such as the present had to be approached. The decision of the minister was capable of being described as having been of a policy rather than an operational character; but, if the function of the policy/operational dichotomy was as their Lordships had already described it, the allegation of negligence was not of itself of such a character as to render the case unsuitable for judicial decision.

However there were certain considerations which militated against imposition of liability in such a case.

Certain matters were of importance. The first was that the only effect of a negligent decision, such as was here alleged to have been made, was delay. That was because the processes of judicial review were available to the aggrieved party; and, assuming that the alleged error of law was so serious that it could properly be described as negligent, the decision would be quashed by a process which, in New Zealand as in the United Kingdom, would normally be carried out with promptitude.

The second was that it was likely to be very rare indeed that an error of law of that kind by a minister or other public authority could properly be categorized as negligent.

Anybody, even a judge, could be capable of misconstruing a statute, and such misconstruction, when it occurred, could be severely criticized without attracting the epithet "negligent".

That simple fact pointed to the extreme unlikelihood of a breach of duty being established in such cases, but it was nevertheless a relevant factor to be taken into account when considering whether liability in negligence should properly be imposed.

The third was the danger of overkill. It was to be hoped that, as a general rule, imposition of liability in negligence would lead to a higher standard of care in the performance of the relevant type of act; but sometimes not only might that not be so, but the imposition of liability might even lead to harmful consequences.

The cure might be worse than the disease. There were reasons for believing that that might be so in cases where liability was imposed upon local authorities whose building inspectors had been negligent in relation to the inspection of foundations, as in the case of *Anns* itself; because there was a danger that the building inspectors of some local authorities might react to that decision by simply increasing, unnecessarily, the requisite depth of foundations, thereby imposing a very substantial and unnecessary financial burden upon members of the community.

A comparable danger might exist in cases such as the present, because once it became known that liability in negligence might be imposed on the ground that a minister had misconstrued a statute and so acted *ultra vires* the cautious civil servant might go to extreme lengths in ensuring that legal advice, or even the opinion of the court, was obtained before decisions were taken, thereby leading to unnecessary delay in a considerable number of cases.

Fourth, it was very difficult to identify any particular case in which it could properly be said that a minister was under a duty to seek legal advice. It could not reasonably be said that a minister was under a duty to seek legal advice in every case in which he was called upon to exercise a discretionary power conferred upon him by legislation.

It was difficult to see how cases in which a duty to seek legal advice should be imposed should be segregated from those in which it should not. In any event, the officers of the relevant department would be involved; the matter would be processed and presented to the minister for decision in the usual way, and by that means his mind would be focused upon the relevant issue.

The minister, in exercising his statutory discretion, was acting essentially as a guardian of the public interest. He was normally under no duty to exercise his discretion within any particular time.

If, through a mistaken construction of the statute, he acted *ultra vires* and delay thereby occurred before he made an *intra vires* decision, he would have to exercise his discretion anew and, if his discretion was then exercised in the plaintiff's favour, the effect of the delay would only be to postpone the receipt by the plaintiff of a benefit which he had no absolute right to receive.

It was suggested that liability in negligence should be imposed in cases such as the present, when the effect of any such imposition of liability would on the one hand lead to recovery only in very rare cases and then only for the consequences of delay which should not be long, and might, on the other hand, lead to considerable delay in a greater number of cases for which there could be no redress.

In all the circumstances, it was a serious question for consideration whether it would be appropriate to impose liability in negligence in such cases, or whether it would not rather be in the public interest that citizens should be confined to their remedy, as at present, in those cases where the minister or public authority had acted in bad faith.

Their Lordships did not think it would be right for them to answer that question in the present case and should not be thought to be expressing any opinion on the point. The more relevant question to breach of duty was the central issue.

Their Lordships having considered the relevant provisions of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1964 and the Capital Issues (Overseas) Regulations 1965 continued that there was much to be said for the view that the proper construction to be attributed to the words "development of New Zealand" in section 28(1) of the 1964 Act was that they embraced all aspects of such development, social, economic, cultural and environmental, reasonably considered important by the responsible minister.

That view was clearly a tenable one. The minister could not be regarded as unreasonable or negligent in holding it. If he did hold it, he could reasonably regard the reversion factor, and also the eight additional factors to which he spoke, as being matters bearing on the safeguarding of the development of New Zealand, such as were proper to influence his decision.

Mr Justice Quilliam summarised the alleged negligence as amounting to two basic complaints: (1) that the minister was obsessed by a determination to ensure the reversion of the land to New Zealand ownership; and (2) that the minister negligently failed to take legal advice. He rejected both allegations.

What emerged from the evidence was a picture of a minister (whose evidence was accepted by the judge as having been honestly given) acting in accordance with what he conceived to be his duty under the relevant legislation, and acting moreover, at all times, on the advice of the relevant cabinet committee, upon which departmental officers were in attendance.

The Court of Appeal considered that he had in fact exceeded his powers, but in reaching that conclusion they proceeded on a somewhat different basis from that acted upon by Chief Justice Wild in reaching the same conclusion on a matter which must in any event have been open to serious argument.

As a matter of sheer common sense, it must be unlikely that the minister should, in such circumstances, have been guilty of negligence. Their Lordships were satisfied, for the reasons given by Mr Justice Quilliam, that he was not, and that there were no grounds upon which the Court of Appeal could properly interfere with the decision of Mr Justice Quilliam. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed.

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CYCLING

Dailey's squads outdated already

By Peter Bryan

Pity Britain's national coach, Doug Dailey. He announced his virtual "short list" for next year's Olympic road and track events in Seoul yesterday but agrees that he has no firm idea of exactly who will and who will not be available for final selection.

His problem is the attraction of professionalism to many of the younger members in the squad. "You might say that my list is already out of date," he admitted. "But while a rider still holds an amateur licence he has a right to be considered."

He has at least three national champions *in the men's squad* he can rely on: roadman Paul Curran, track pursuiter Colin Sturgess, and triple track champion Alastair Wood are all pledged to remain amateur in Olympic year.

But there is an equal number — if not more — of top riders who are still reading the small print of draft contracts for a professional career next year.

"A lot of the lads have been very open with me and discussed the offers they have had," said Dailey. "It's not for *me to tell them 'don't sign'* but what I am doing is to ask them to wait a little longer until they have a clear picture of what the pro thing will be like in Britain in 1988.

"How many races will there be for them as pros and what



Curran: Dailey banker

will be the calibre of the riders they will be up against? These are the questions I would be asking *myself if I were now in* their position."

Dailey, who competed in the *Olympic road road in Munich in* 1972, added: "The ultimate challenge to an amateur is the Olympic Games. I just want the lads to be quite certain that a professional contract next year matches the opportunities they will have in the amateur ranks. I'm not against professionlaism one bit; indeed, I want to see a strong class in Britain so that our young amateurs have something to aim for."

The full squad met at Edgbaston last weekend for medical screening and discussion about what is expected from each of them next year.

One notable absentee was Deno Davie, the Wilmslow rider who finished Britain's best in seventh place in September's world road race *championship.* He has received offers to turn pro next year as have, it is understood, Jon Walshaw, Gary Coltman and Nick Barnes, among others.

MEN: Senior track squad: E Alexander, C Boardman, S Brydon, G Coltman, S Duckett, G Giddings, S Lillistone, P McHugh, M Oakes, G Rowland, B Steel, C Sturgess, J Walshaw, R Ward and A Wood. Senior road squad: G Baker, N Barnes, S Cope, P Curran, D Davie, S Farrell, M Gornall, T Hall, N Hoban, H Lodge, P Longbottom, W Randle, E Rooney, D Spencer, J Tonks.
WOMEN: Track squad: S Beech, S Hodge, L Jones, APocket. Road squad: M Blower, L Brambani, L Gornall, S Gornall, C Greenwood, S Hodge, D Saxton, V Thomas, E Ward.

SWIMMING

Seoul hopefuls should benefit from US event

By Roy Moor

Twenty of Britain's potential Olympic team for Seoul, headed by Adrian Moorhouse, the European champion, are to compete as a national squad in the US Open championships starting in Orlando, Florida on December 20. They include *Andy Jameson and Neil Cochran,* the American-based European medal winners.

Gerry Thain, who is the Olympic team manager for swimming, said yesterday: "This will be the first time we have sent a fully representative GB team to these championships and we are doing so to make a study of how well our leading competitors are progressing in their winter training. All the racing will be over long course and against many of the world's finest swimmers. It will be an ideal opportunity for our team to be reminded of the strength of opposition they can expect to face if chosen for Seoul."

Thain welcomes the opportunity provided by the Orlando meeting for the medley relay team of Moorhouse, Jameson, Cochran and Roland Lee to race as a four again. They finished a close second to the Soviets in a national record time at the European championships this summer.

With the exception of Jameson, all will stay on in Orlando for a *fortnight's* concentrated training at the same pool. A notable absentee from the squad is Mark Foster, the young Southend freestyle sprinter who was disciplined following the last training camp in Florida.

MEN: G Bialkin (Saltord), I Campbell (Beckenham), S Foster (Wigan), A Day (Leeds), A Moorhouse (Leeds), K Boyd (S Tyneside), R Lee (Bridgnorth), T Hodges (Hounslow), N Hodgson (Wigan), P Howe (Birmingham), M Cochran (Swansea), A Jameson (Liverpool).
WOMEN: K Heller (Sheffield), L Donnelly (Hamilton), G Stanley (Stockport), J Croft (Wigan), H Bewley (Saltwell), B Gilliam (Dundee), J Hill (Cumbernauld), S Brownsdon (N Tonbridge Wells).

RACING: PROGRESSIVE YORKSHIRE-TRAINED GELDING ON ATTRACTIVE MARK IN CARLISLE HANDICAP HURDLE

Gunner Mac to relish testing conditions

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The daily search for a good bet takes me today to Carlisle where **Gunner Mac** is napped to win the *Ladbroke Handicap* Hurdle in the most able hands of Chris Grant.

Trained in Yorkshire by Neville Bycroft, this four-year-old by Gunner B is blissfully at ease on soft ground like most of that stock. So the *testing conditions* on the Cumbrian track will not worry him one jot.

Last winter it was very soft when he scored over hurdles at Ayr and it was soft too on the same Scottish track and at Lingfield when he won his three races on the Flat during the season just past.

More to the point, today's conditions underfoot are identical to those Gunner Mac encountered at Ayr 12 days ago when he resumed hurdling and ran that very fine race against Swingit Gunner.

In the event, he was never going to beat that much improved horse who had recently won the November Handicap at Doncaster. But he was the only member of the *14-strong field to give him a* race and he finished 15 lengths ahead of the next horse.

So I feel that he stands an exceptional chance of going one better this afternoon with only 10st 10lb on his back.

The presence of last Saturday's Newcastle winner, Carat Stick, plus Grundy's Pet, Bickerstaffe and Peace Terms, will ensure some lively exchanges in the ring. But Gunner Mac should prove too good for them on these terms as he is certain to be racing off a higher mark in the future

Brandy Hambro, in the *Heads Nook Novices' Chase,* is my other main fancy at Carlisle. The winner of two point-to-points in Ireland before he joined Colin Parker's Dumfriesshire stable, Brandy Hambro has always looked a chaser in the making rather than a hurdler.

That impression was confirmed when he beat Samfen, the 12-length winner of his previous race, at Ayr 13 days ago.

As Rinus, who had such a good record on the track, got no further than the third fence at Haydock last week, and Colonel Rose is grossly flattered by his proximity to Randolph Place, Brandy Hambro looks something to bet upon.

At Warwick, I give **Roscoe** *Harvey a good chance of* winning the first division of the Askett Novices' Hurdle even though the recent Wincanton winner Prime Number is among the opposition.

After shaping with a lot of promise in a bumper at Sandown, Roscoe Harvey then did even better in his only race over hurdles at Windsor where he was beaten half a length by Mausolee.

Peter Scudamore is also hopeful of winning the Longbridge Handicap Chase for Fred Winter who returned home from hospital only last Monday. But in this instance I prefer the easy Worcester winner **Pommardy.**

I could fancy Indamelody to win the Shipston Handicap Chase a second time if only Nicky Henderson's horses were running better. But with the stable currently affected by sore throats and other problems I go instead for **Mr Frisk.**

Finally, **Larchwood** is my tip to win the Cherington Novices' Handicap Hurdle even though her weight now includes a 10lb penalty for that success at Wincanton. Royal Gossip and Doddycross, who have both been runner-up recently, look the pick of her rivals.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Roscoe Harvey.
1.00 Pommardy.
1.30 Casual Pass.
2.00 Mr Frisk.
2.30 King Retain.
3.00 How Now.
3.30 Larchwood.

By Michael Seely

12.30 Roscoe Harvey. 2.00 Rattlin' Jack.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ——— B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-bearin favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.30 ASKETT NOVICES HURDLE *(Div I:* £1,067: 2m) (25 runners)

1	1	PRIME NUMBER 21 (D,S) (B Wilsdon) R Armytage 4-11-3	Miss G Armytage	98
3	40-0	ARTISTIC CHAMPION 9 (G Emonsthenous) J Jenkins 4-10-10	M Ahern	70
5	0P	*DAMERS CAVALRY 8 (Mrs L Lewis) C Tristline 4-10-10*	J D Doyle	—
6	000-0	DENITZ 23 (M Lee) K Ivory 5-10-10	B Powell	—
8	0-0	EROSTINDEVELOPMENT 58 (J Upson) T Casey 4-10-10	R Dunwoody	—
9	10-	ESHA NESS 244 (G) (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-10	M Pitman	—
10		*FELLOW'S NIGHT* (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-10	G McCourt	—
11	P/	GIFT VOUCHER 584 (H Peachey) H Peachey 10-10-10	P Warner	—
12	0	HASTY GLEN 13 (N Harrison) F Winter 4-10-10	B de Haan	—
14		JACKDAW (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 7-10-10	J Osborne (4)	—
15	003/P-00	LYSANDER 15 (T Sivier) M Tate 5-10-10	R Hyett	70
16	02-8	MALANDRIN 12 (BF) (J Galvanoni) O Sherwood 6-10-10	S Sherwood	92
17	30U	MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 7 (P Bowdlach) K Bishop 8-10-10	S Earle	—
18		MR GRIFFIN (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-10-10	D Murphy	—
20	000-000	OUT YONDER 10 (B) (W Wightman) W Wightman 4-10-10	R Stronge	—
21	0-P0F30	QUALITAIR KING 13 (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) G Kelly 4-10-10	R Beggan	79
23		REHEARSING (Mrs E Gibbins) C Holmes 4-10-10	A Webb	—
24	P-	*RESHA 373 (L Barratt) L Barratt 4-10-10*	A Carroll	—
26	32	ROSCOE HARVEY 10 (C Brooks) F Winter 5-10-10	P Scudamore	● 99
29		TRUE SPARK (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 5-10-10	K Mooney	—
30	0/06-0	VENTURI 35 (Mrs S Taixton) N Panting 6-10-10	A Sharpe	—
31	00/03	VINCANTO 12 (Mrs C Clatworthy) J Gifford 5-10-10	R Rowe	87
33	0P/0	BELLALOO 14 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 7-10-5	L Harvey	—
34	0P	PRYING NELL 10 (N King) C Tristline 4-10-5	—	—
35		USEFUL ADDITION (M Tate) M Tate 5-10-5	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Roscoe Harvey, 6-1 Prime Number, Rehearsing, 15-2 Esha Ness, Vincanto, 8-1 Malandrin, 10-1 Artistic Champion, Jackdaw, 12-1 others.

1986: INTUITION 4-10-3 D McKeown (9-2) R Akehurst 16 ran

FORM PRIME NUMBER made winning debut at Wincanton (2m, £1135, soft, Nov 12, 15 ran) running-on well (10-10) to beat fellow debutant *Hymn of Harlech (10-10)* 3l.
ARTISTIC CHAMPION, off course for a year prior to later start, best effort remains debut (10-7) 14l 4th to Windbound Lass (10-7) at Worcester (2m, £685, *firm, Aug 9. 13 ran*).
VINCANTO (11-0) ran 5l 3rd to Standard Rose (10-9) at Folkestone (2m 100yd, £949, soft, Nov 21, 19 ran).
MALANDRIN (11-0), making seasonal debut, was racing in the pack when brought down four out.
MALANDRIN is best judged on (11-5) neck 2nd to Green Steps (11-5) at Nottingham (2m, £1173, good, Feb 21, 23 ran).
ROSCOE HARVEY followed NH Flat race 3rd with (10-10) ½l 2nd to Mausolee (11-3) on hurdling debut at Windsor (2m 39yd, £943, good to soft, Nov 23, 20 ran). OUT YONDER (10-10) finished distant 7th.
Selection: MALANDRIN

1.0 LONGBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE *(£2,821: 2m 4f) (12 runners)*

2	P21U-33	LUCKY RASCAL 15 (S) (J Ingram) J Gifford 8-12-0	R Rowe	81
8	02-0F2P	STIRABOUT 12 (B,F,S) (E Thorbeck) N Henderson 7-10-12	J Osborne (4)	● 99
11	P1FF23-	WOLLOW WILL 232 (B,F,G,S) (F Winter) F Winter 10-10-9	—	88
12	0001/1-0	BLUE DART 19 (BF,G,S) (H Padfield) T Forster 7-10-9	E Murphy	86
13	0P0P00-	NUDGE NUDGE 227 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs B Finch) Mrs A Hewitt 7-10-8	M Williams	—
14	1FF-041	SALEHURST 10 (D,S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 7-10-8 (5ex)	J Frost	90
15	123432-	PAN ARCTIC 197 (G,S) (Mrs R Bill) T Bill 8-10-7	S Sherwood	98
16	3221P03-	STONEY CREEK 243 (G,S) (E Banks) K Bailey 7-10-5	J Frost	91
17	0P312/F	KILLEGAR KIM 43 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs M Grant) J Webber 8-10-3	Miss J Henry	—
18	4/401-01	POMMARDY 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 8-10-2 (6ex)	M Bosley	90
20	04004-1	CRADLE OF JAZZ 70 (D,F,G,S) (K Britten) J Old 7-10-0	R Dunwoody	82
22	02140-U	NICKY'S JOY 12 (G) (Mrs W Barnes) P Hedger 11-10-0	M Richards	85

BETTING: 100-30 Salehurst, 4-1 Pommardy, 5-1 Stoney Creek, 8-1 Stirabout, Wollow Will, 10-1 Blue Dart, Cradle of Jazz, Pan Arctic, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM LUCKY RASCAL has been below best *so far this season* - better judged (11-0) on a 2l defeat of Cawnes Clown (11-5) at Sandown (2m 4l 66yd, £4799, good to soft, Mar 31, 10 ran).
STIRABOUT was pulled up in a competitive Ascot (2m 4f, good to soft) event last time - previously (11-10) showed much better when a neck 2nd to Rambling Wild (10-2) at Windsor (2m 40yd, £2107, good to soft, Nov 14, 11 ran), with BLUE DART (11-7) *18½l behind in 6th.*
SALEHURST (10-5) got up close home to beat *Dunstall (10-2)* 2l at Leicester *(2m 4f, £2156, heavy,* Nov 23, 7 ran).
PAN ARCTIC (11-12) ran to form when 6l 2nd to Stanestic (11-4) at Worcester (2m, £1798, good to *firm,* May 20, 7 ran).
POMMARDY (10-12) stayed on well after making all to beat Pukka Major (11-12) 10l at Worcester (2m, £1715, soft, Nov 18, 4 ran).
Selection: STIRABOUT

1.30 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Round II: £690: 2m) (8 runners)

1	0/000-10	DICK KNIGHT 13 (BF,S) (Wallace Farms Ltd) K Ivory 6-11-10	N Harnett	91
2	0023-00	CUCKOO IN THE NEST 10 (B) (Mrs B Watkins) D Elsworth 4-11-5	R Dunwoody	89
3	0-20	BLACK COMEDY 17 (Mrs W Gerhauser) M Ryan 4-11-4	H Green	92
4	304-431	CASUAL PASS 12 (B,D,S) (J Morrison) G Richards 4-11-4 (6ex)	P Scudamore	98
5	F33/0P4	EL CAPISTRANO 29 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 6-11-0	S Jennings	—
6	040-001	YANKEE SILVER 26 (CD,S) (T King) G Gracey 6-10-12	S Smith Eccles	90
8	2223-002	DEBBIES PRINCE 12 (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-10	P Shepherdson	● 99
10	0P00P4	RIVER TROUT 9 (J Taylor) C Tinkler 5-10-3	S Sherwood	87

BETTING: 5-2 Casual Pass, 4-1 Debbies Prince, 9-2 Yankee Silver, 8-1 Cuckoo In The Nest, Dick Knight, 12-1 Black Comedy, El Capistrano, 14-1 River Trout.

1988: *(2m 5f)* WHITE ROSE 4-11-1 S Morshead (9-4 *fav*) N Henderson 8 ran

FORM DICK KNIGHT, well beaten favourite last time, has been hammered by the handicapper *for ¾l* victory (11-0) from Under Offer (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £370, good to soft, Nov 10, 18 ran).
CASUAL PASS (10-13) beat Doubtless (10-0) 1½l at Ayr, but looked none too *genuine in doing so* (2m, £1329, soft, Nov 21, 12 ran).
YANKEE SILVER (10-0) overcame last flight blunder to score by a neck from Normern Gambler (11-8) here (2m, £1282, good to soft, Nov 7, 14 ran).
DEBBIES PRINCE is a maiden after nineteen starts, but ran his best race on latest when 3l 2nd (11-0) at Standard Rose (10-9) at Folkestone (2m 100yd, £949, soft, Nov 21, 19 ran).
Selection: DEBBIES PRINCE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Winter	21	76	27.6
Mrs J Pitman	15	69	21.7
N Gaselee	9	48	18.8
D Elsworth	18	100	18.0
A Turnell	6	38	15.8
D Barons	8	52	15.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	7	25	28.0
K Mooney	11	69	15.9
H Davies	14	111	12.6
S Smith Eccles	10	83	12.0
P Scudamore	15	128	11.7
R Dunwoody	8	82	9.8

2.0 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,624: 3m) (6 runners)

1	101-22F	MR FRISK 19 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Dutfey) K Bailey 8-11-10	P Croucher	● 99
2	1/111-10	RISK A BET 20 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sheppard) Mrs I McKie 8-11-9	S Sherwood	94
4	0223-11	INDAMELODY 29 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 9-11-6	S Smith Eccles	95
7	3/13UP-1	RATTLIN' JACK 33 (D,S) (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 8-10-10	C Llewellyn (4)	91
10	3111/4-2	RONALDS CAROLE 13 (B,D,G,S) (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 7-10-0	B Powell	88
13	31P0FP/	*FURZEN HILL 579 (C,G,S) (Lord Vestey) K Yong 8-10-0*	S McNeill	—

BETTING: 2-1 Indamelody, 9-4 Rattlin' Jack, 5-1 Mr Frisk, 6-1 Risk A Bet, 10-1 Ronalds Carole, 25-1 Furzen Hill.

1986: INDAMELODY 8-11-11 S Smith Eccles (5-4 fav) N Henderson 5 ran

FORM RISK A BET (10-7) no extra from two out when 14¼l 5th to Kildimo (11-9) at Cheltenham (3m, soft) last time; previously (10-13) came with a nicely timed run to beat MR FRISK (11-6) a length at Newbury (3m, £3028, good, Oct 23, 7 ran).
INDAMELODY (11-10) overcame several jumps to the right to beat Lewesdon Prince (11-5) a length at Newbury (3m, £3179, good, Nov 4, 9 ran).
RATTLIN' JACK (11-1) made a winning reappearance when beating Rausal (10-3) 10l at Worcester (3m, £1942, soft, Oct 31, 11 ran).
RONALD'S CAROLE (10-13) will strip fitter for a 10l 2nd to Happy Voyage (10-4) at Nottingham (3m, £1804, good to soft, Nov 20, 7 ran).
Selection: RATTLIN' JACK

2.30 ASKETT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,079: 2m) (25 runners)

3	3	BENISA RYDER 34 (Consolidated Est & Man) C Horgan 4-10-10	E Murphy	—
4		BILLILLA (Miss H Stratton) G Balding 4-10-10	R Guest (4)	—
6	0-0	BRANDON PIER 9 (G Greenwood) J Edwards 4-10-10	T Morgan	70
9	4	CHASE THE LINE 33 (D Hornby) D Nicholson 4-10-10	R Dunwoody	—
11	00	COOL DISTINCTION 29 (J Huckle) C Tristline 4-10-10	J D Doyle	—
12	2-04	DOUBLE CALIBRE 10 (B Robinson) J Spearing 4-10-10	—	87
14	220	GREENACRES LAD 29 (M Talbot) B McMahon 4-10-10	T Wall	—
15	0-	GRUMBLE 370 (W Hargreaves) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-10	A Charlton (7)	—
16		KAASIB (A Walder) M Haynes 4-10-10	H Davies	—
17	4244-0	KING RETAIN 43 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 4-10-10	K Mooney	● 99
18		LATE DELIVERY (D Kench) K Bridgewater 5-10-10	A Webb	—
19	F0	LYNS MAGIC 23 (G M Price) G M Price 5-10-10	C Price	—
20	02-0	MASTER MUCK 43 (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-10	P Scudamore	—
24	020-00	NICK THE BRIEF 9 (J Upson) T Casey 5-10-10	E Buckley (4)	78
25	0	*NICOLENE'S HOPE 10 (S Gallagher) R Holder 5-10-10*	N Coleman	—
27	5-340	POPESWOOD 22 (M Hitchins) W Wightman 4-10-10	R Stronge	—
28	0-30	PORO BOY 14 (Mrs M Stalker) G Dodge 4-10-10	P Holley (7)	80
32	00-03	RIVER GALAXY 9 (R Goode) D Bell 4-10-10	Lorna Vincent	93
33	25-0P	SADDLERS NIGHT 15 (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-10	G McCourt	91
34	0	SAMMY THE SHAMMY 29 (D Badham) J Jenkins 4-10-10	S Smith Eccles	—
35		SPEAKERS CORNER (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 4-10-10	C Llewellyn (4)	—
36	200F-0	TIMOLIVER 43 (J Lewis) O Sherwood 6-10-10	S Sherwood	82
37	0/P-00	WATERGLASS 10 (Mrs P Freeman) S T Harris 5-10-10	C Mann	67
40	0	NEW EVIDENCE 19 (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-10-5	R Campbell	—
41		ROSIE MARCHIONESS (V Barclay) F Walwyn 4-10-5	S Shilston	—

BETTING: 5-2 King Retain, 11-4 Timoliver, 6-1 Double Calibre, River Galaxy, 8-1 Chase The Line, Greenacres Lad, Kaasib, 12-1 Others.

1986: KEYNES 6-11-3 S Sherwood (9-4) J Jenkins 17 ran

FORM *RIVER GALAXY at 50-1 ran (10-12)* 10¾l 3rd to Another Seeker (10-12) in heavy ground at Wolverhampton (2m, £1208, heavy, Nov 24, 17 ran). BRANDON PIER (10-12) made late *progress from rear to finish 22¼l 8th.*
TIMOLIVER (11-11) staying on 22l 5th to Tebrito (11-4) at Cheltenham (2m, £1688, good to soft, Oct 21, 18 ran). MASTER MUCK (11-0) finished 2l 8m with KING RETAIN (11-0) 42l 10th.
KING RETAIN is best judged on (10-9) 3½l 4th to Brent Riverside (10-7) at Newbury (2m 100yd, £5000, heavy, Mar 28, 11 ran).
SADDLERS NIGHT in touch when pulled up lame 8th time, previously (11-0) ran 11¾l 6th to Steeple View (11-0) at Newbury (2m 100yd, £2220, good, Nov 4, 24 ran).
Selection: KING RETAIN

3.0 SHIRLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,380: 2m) (17 runners)

2	0300/0-0	AERIALIST 26 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 9-10-10	A Webb	—
4	218/0	BARGE POLE 19 (G) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 5-10-10	H Davies	—
6	000-	BOLD RIVER 213 (P Luff) M Oliver 5-10-10	E Buckley (4)	—
7	04003-	CONDICOTE BOY 264 (D Sanger) D Nicholson 8-10-10	R Dunwoody	—
8	P00/F	CORRIB MASTER 17 (J King) J King 6-10-10	S McNeill	—
11	440-U42	EYETRAP 19 (J R Watts) P W Harris 6-10-10	K Mooney	95
12	222F00-	HOW NOW 252 (G,S) (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-10	M Pitman	—
13	040/040	JONIX 24 (Mrs S Wilis) J Gifford 6-10-10	R Rowe	—
14	*000/P0F*	*LORD CHANTICLEER 13 (F,G) (P Williamson) F Jordan 7-10-10*	S J O'Neill	—
16	11F	MWEENISH 27 (BF,G) (P Thompson) J Webber 5-10-10	M Dwyer	—
18	04B3FP-	NODALOTTE 209 (E Bowers) J Spearing 7-10-10	Miss G Armytage	98
20	0000/F-	PRIZE ASSET 227 (Mrs C James) P Hobbs 7-10-10	Peter Hobbs	—
23	00P/F	RAVENSLODGE 6 (D White) P J Jones 8-10-10	M Kinane	—
26	010-2UF	SIGNALMAN 13 (G,S) (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 6-10-10	S Sherwood	● 99
27	0-0	SWIFT GUIDE 33 (Mrs E Ellis) R Armytage 7-10-10	A Gorman	—
30	032/131-	WHISKEY TIME 477 (F,G) (H Solomons) J Jenkins 7-10-10	S Smith Eccles	—
32	1002-BP	YOUNG NICHOLAS 9 (G,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 6-10-10	J Frost	—

BETTING: 3-1 Mweenish, 4-1 Condicote Boy, 5-1 Whiskey Time, 6-1 Signalman, 8-1 How Now, 10-1 Jonix, 12-1 Barge Pole, 14-1 others.

1986: *COTTAGE RUN 6-10-10 R Dunwoody (100-30) D Nicholson 10 ran*

FORM EYETRAP (11-2) 8l 2nd of 14 to Kelly's Boy (11-2) at Windsor (2m 40yd, £1909, good to soft, *Nov 14).*
HOW NOW contested handicap hurdles last season, finishing 8l 5th (10-0) to Inlander (10-3) at Sandown penultimate start (2m, £11756, good, Mar 14, 23 ran).
MWEENISH fell at the sixth first outing over fences: previously (11-5) 4l Uttoxeter novice hurdle winner from Mariner's Lad (10-12) (2m, £715, good, Sept 24, 16 ran).
WHISKEY TIME has first outing today since August 1986, when 1¾l winner (12-0) from Amamess (12-0) at Formwell hurdle (2m 2f, £1785, good to firm, Aug 13, 18 ran).
Selection: SIGNALMAN

3.30 CHERINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,026: 2m 5f) (25 runners)

2	040-02	ROYAL GOSSIP 20 (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 5-11-10	L Harvey	84
3	P00P3-1	LARCHWOOD 21 (S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 8-11-9 (10ex)	Mr G Upton (7)	88
4	4F403-0	SHAH'S CHOICE 13 (Lady Joseph) F Winter 4-11-2	P Scudamore	89
7	2/3/RU-2	*DUDLEY'S STAR 23 (Mrs M Bevan) Mrs M Bevan 5-11-1*	S Sherwood	91
9	0002-00	PYLEIGH PRINCE 9 (Mrs C Brittain) T Bill 6-11-1	—	87
10	0PU42/0	LACKEY HOEY 10 (S) (Mrs M Kelsey-Fry) T Forster 7-11-0	H Davies	—
11	04/0-0	TORS 13 (J Barnes) B Morgan 6-10-13	D Shaw	—
14	0P0-00	RANDOM TRAVELLER 21 (A Phelps) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-9	M Pitman	88
15	0300-0	RICH NICKEL 17 (R Grimes) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-8	D Browne	82
17	402-340	MARINER'S STAR 23 (J Long) J Bosley 5-10-8	M Bosley	85
18	430/00	CHATSBY 21 (T Nixon) T Forster 6-10-8	C Llewellyn (4)	84
20	0F-00	CYGNETS BEST 14 (J Upson) T Casey 4-10-7	R Dunwoody	84
22	P02-P	LITTLE SERENITY 58 (G) (M Dawes) D Gandolfo 6-10-7	M Dwyer	82
23	00/4-	BUCK AND DOE RUN 411 (M Henriquesl M Henriques 6 10-5	Mr M Armytage (4)	82
26	0F23-04	*CROWN GREEN 35 (J Thursby) F Walwyn 5-10-4*	R Chapman	95
27	24-0002	DODDYCROSS 15 (B) (Running Horse) T Hallett 5 10-4	Samantha Dunsser (7)	● 99
28	000/004	HILLCASTLE 8 (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 6-10-4	A Charlton (7)	94
29	0340	CROOK N HONEST 5 (A Palmer) R Holder 5-10-3	P Murphy	90
30	F0U0/	*ENVOPAK TOKEN 607 (F Arthur) J Gifford 5-10-0*	R Rowe	—
33	4-030F	MUM'S GIRL 10 (J Copper) B Sman 6-10-0	R Stronge	88
34	0/P-00	LE KINGDOM 20 (Mrs S Birks) M Wilkinson 6-10-0	B de Haan	88
36	UFF-	VULCHECK 279 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 8 10-0	C Mann	—
37	0000-0	KINGSBROOK 22 (H Leavett-Shenlevi W Wightman 5-10-0	*I Shoemark (7)*	*88*
40	00P/00F	ROSE RED CITY 15 (Miss L Davis) Miss J Thorne 6 10-0	N Dawe	—
42	0-00000	MASTERLY 26 (B) (D Rees) T M Jones 5-10-0	Judy Blakeney	—

BETTING: 4-1 Doddycross, 5-1 Crown Green, 6-1 Dudley's Star, Royal Gossip, 7-1 Larchwood, 8-1 Hillcastle, Shah's Choice, 10-1 Rich Nickel, 12-1 others.

1988: HENRY LANCASTER 7-9-12 S Dunster (16-1) T Hallett 21 ran

FORM ROYAL GOSSIP was a 20-1 shot when 4l 2nd (11-0) to Rowlandsons Jewels (11-8) at Chepstnam (3m 1f, £2223, soft, Nov 13, 22 ran) LE KINGDOM (11-0) was 9th with PYLEIGH PRINCE (11-0) behind.
LARCHWOOD (11-0) earned 10lb penalty in 4l Wincanton defeat of Wild Sap (11-0), 3rd in a novice event on Tuesday (2m 6l, £1412, soft, Nov 12, 21 ran). CHATSBY (11-5) was 23l further back in 6th, and *RANDOM TRAVELLER (11-5) 7th.*
DUDLEY'S STAR (11-0) had CROOK N HONEST (11-0) 12¾l away in 4th when neck 2nd to Relatively Easy (10-9), winner again yesterday, at Hereford (2m 3f, £1061, heavy, Nov 10, 17 ran). MARINER'S STAR (11-0) was another 16½l back in 6th.
DODDYCROSS (10-5) finished 20l clear of the remainder when 2l 2nd to Garrison Savannah (11-0) at Worcester (2m 4f, £1227, soft, Nov 18, 20 ran).
Selection: DODDYCROSS

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Flodden Field.
1.15 Quivering.
1.45 Telegraph Bush.
2.15 Hitchenstown.
2.45 Brandy Hambro.
3.15 GUNNER MAC (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 GUNNER MAC (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 GUNNER MAC.

Going: soft

12.45 CALDBECK NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685. 2m 330yd) (10 runners)

1	F0-	CRASH MARKET 262 (Mrs M McGuinness) R Fisher 5-11-0	R Hodge (7)	—
2	0204	DUBIOUS JAKE 13 (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 4-11-0	S Woods (7)	*●99*
3	0	EMPAPAHERO 17 (B Morgan) J Redfern 5-11-0	S Keightley	—
4	42	FLODDEN FIELD 17 (A Taylor) B Wilkinson 4-11-0	G Harker	96
7	00/0	*RIBOKEYES BOY 12 (Mrs G Dawson) A Dawson 5-11-0*	R Goldstein	96
8	P0-	SHESHOONS LAST 311 (W McGhie) W McGhie 7-11-0	J J Quinn	—
10	0/F0P-	SOUD'N BRIG 293 (D Robertson) D Robertson 8-11-0	D Nolan	—
11	0P-	WAVERLEY BOY 226 (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 5-11-0	R Fahey (7)	—
14	B0	NAW BRDON 26 (A Brown) W Fairgreave 4-10-9	*J Hanssen*	—
15	B00-0	MEGAN'S MOVE 27 (Miss D Slack) Mrs E Slack 4-10-9	Miss D Slack	—

BETTING: 15-8 Dubious Jake, 100-30 Crash Market, 9-2 Megan's Move, 6-1 Ribokeyes Boy, 8-1 Flodden Field, 10-1 Empapahero, 12-1 others.

1986: RANDOLPH PLACE 5-11-0 P Tuck (2-5 fav) G Richards 17 ran

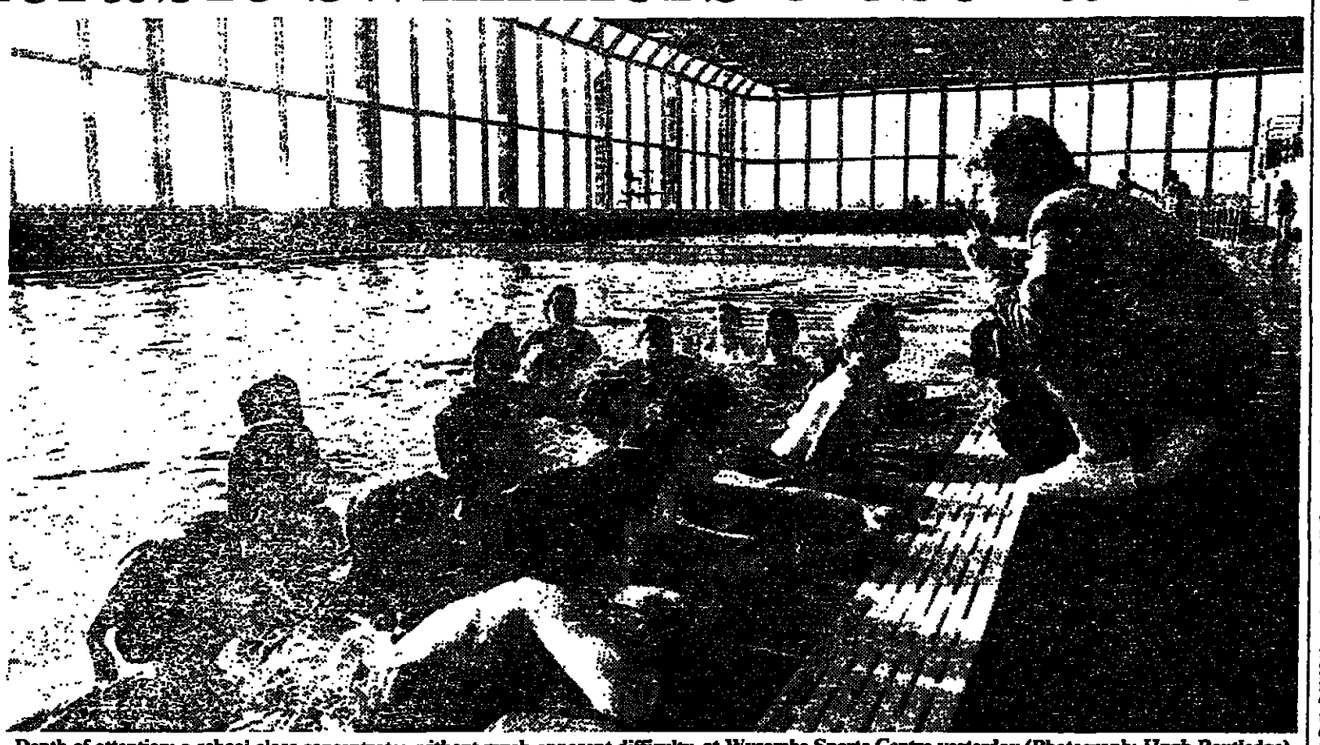
1.15 ASPATRIA SELLING HURDLE (£653: 2m 330yd) (8 runners)

2		COURTING KING 55 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-11-7	Mrs M Kendall	—
5	0	ORIENTAL EXPRESS 9 (C Moodie) F Carr 4-11-7	N Doughty	—
7	30PF40	QUIVERING 12 (Mrs K Birkett) J Birkett 4-11-2	A Crickey	*●99*
10	F30	CARL'S PRIDE 19 (M Thompson) *V Thompson 3-10-7*	*Mr M Thompson*	86
11		FIR TRADING (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 3-10-7	R Fahey (7)	—
12	P0	HIGH CAB

Tooth-and-nail opposition promised to fight off pool closures threatened by privatization

Vulnerable swimmers close ranks

As the controversy over the privatization of sports facilities gains momentum, IAN STAFFORD finds that swimming, for one, is united in opposition



Depth of attention: a school class concentrates without much apparent difficulty at Wycombe Sports Centre yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

The Government's privatization plans for the running of sports and leisure facilities is causing considerable concern in the world of British swimming. December 11, the date when the Department of Environment will decide how to implement its consultation paper, is a day most people involved in the sport fear. Hot on the heels of the Amateur Athletics Association (AAA), which publicly attacked the Government's policy on Tuesday, the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) has announced that it plans to organize a national petition if the proposals go ahead.

"Anything that puts up the price of swimming will mean fewer people participate," David Reeves, the ASA's general secretary, said. "That not only affects our sport but, with something as important to safety as swimming, is not in the national interest. We fear that the Government has every intention of implementing its plans but we will fight tooth and nail to preserve our sport."

Swimming, with its highly individual problems, could provide the private sector with a migraine. There is not one pool in the country that makes a profit and most record a substantial annual loss. The superb pool at the Wycombe Sports Centre, run by Wycombe District Council, is a painful example of this.

It boasts a 50-metre pool, the standard size for international competition but one of only 10 in this country, provides a service for 300,000 members of the paying public each year (including David Wilkie, the 1976 Olympic gold medal winner), but will incur an estimated £250,000 loss this year. As part of a large sports complex, the pool enjoys an advantage of extra custom. The 50-metre pool at Leeds, a traditional site that has no other sporting facilities, annually loses £800,000.

"Swimming pools provide peculiar and big problems," Terry Puleston, the Wycombe Sports Centre's manager, explained. "Firstly, pools are very labour intensive. A sports hall only needs a cleaner but a pool needs to employ qualified lifeguards in order to maintain standards of safety. Proper environmental conditions are needed with a large expanse of water in an enclosed area. Ventilation is a costly business because we have to continuously heat and circulate air.

"Most important, however, is the actual conditioning of the water. In order to maintain proper water purification and high energy consumption it again costs a great deal. We try hard to save as much money as possible and are forever looking at ways to subsidise the pool. We have a fun hour every Saturday morning when snorkels and toys are allowed in the pool, and we are planning to hold poolside parties. We even use a giant cover at night and turn off the ventilation, but we still lose a large sum. I think it is well worth it, however.

A family affair and life-saver

"Swimming is a family affair and, particularly in this area where we have the river Thames and many water-filled gravel pits, a life-saver both for yourself and for others."

It is the fact that swimming-pools are not favourable financial propositions to the private sector that worries the ASA, an organization with 300,000 members in 1,690 clubs. "We are concerned that if the Government's plans are confirmed there will be a tendency to close down traditional rectangular pools in favour of more leisure-orientated facilities, which, with their water chutes and wave machines, would be good for family fun but not for the teaching and training of swimming," Derek Stubbs, the association's director of swimming, said.

"In order to save money we are also extremely worried that safety precautions, which are of paramount importance, might not be respected by the private sector. They might not know just how difficult it is to run a pool and could cut corners."

The Royal Life-Saving Association is another body that shares these fears. At the turn of the century some 2,000 drownings in Britain were reported. In 1975 this figure was reduced to 908 and four years ago only 485 people drowned. Britain has at present an estimated swimming population of nine million. The society feels that the reduction in drownings over the last decade, despite the tremendous upsurge in the numbers of people participating in aquatic sports and leisure activities, is attributable to better water safety education and, without any doubt, the more widespread ability to swim by the younger half of the population.

Not a question of balancing books

Two of Britain's best swimmers are anxiously waiting for the Government's decision next week. Apart from the public safety aspect, Adrian Moorehouse, the 100 metres breastroke world record holder, fears that swimming at the highest level will be affected.

"At the moment we all have to use pools very early in the morning," he said. "It would not make financial sense for a private member to run a 50-metre pool, because they obviously lose more money than smaller facilities, or to open them up at five o'clock in the morning just for a club. There are many swimming clubs which could not possibly afford to meet increased charges. I am worried that the sport could be kicked in the teeth just when we are looking to attract more people."

Duncan Goodhew, the 1980 Olympic champion, is a director of the Barbican Health and Fitness Centre in London, a private club that will open a 25-metre pool next year. His health club provides the best services for those who can afford the membership, but he is acutely aware of the need for the mass continuation of swimming. "Swimming is so positive that the Government has to be extremely careful," he said. "It is not just a question of balancing the books. Sport in general is, in the long term, a sound investment for both individuals and the Government, and swimming is the best possible exercise of all. It produces a healthier population, which means more work achieved and, ultimately, less cost to the nation. It is as essential as reading or writing. If you cannot swim then you are inadequate."



Puleston: closures fear

Swimming is planning to seek assurances from the Government. It feels that its guaranteed financial losses must be accepted because of its importance to the general public. If, after December 11, the Government confirms the sport's worst fears, a wave of discontent will swell. David Reeves puts it another way. "Our clubs will petition their local MPs and we will lobby Parliament," he said. "We intend to take the lead for other sports to follow. If we do, the Government has got a real battle on its hands."

TENNIS

Brett charged to salvage Becker's dwindling prestige

From Richard Evans, New York

Boris Becker, under the whip of Bob Brett, his new coach, is still not well and Jimmy Connors, quite apart from a foot that may need to be operated on soon, arrived here late because of an ear infection. Otherwise the eight starters for the Nabisco Grand Prix Masters are ready to fight their way through the two-group round robin system in an attempt for the top prize of $210,000 (about £115,000).

Connors, who was last seen six weeks ago in Tokyo looking more interested in his flight departure time than any chance he might have had of beating John Fitzgerald, is always suffering from something these days. But the idea of retirement remains anathema to him so he battles on. As long as he continues to do so with the success he enjoyed at Wimbledon and Fleshing Meadow this year when he confounded his 34 years by reaching the semi-finals, he will be around for a while yet.

Nor, indeed, is another semi-final showing at Madison Square Garden beyond him. He is positioned in the Rod Laver Group along with Ivan Lendl, the obvious favourite; Brad Gilbert, the eighth place qualifier whose record of four finals in his last six tournaments was testament to his determination to make the Masters; and Becker.

The West German teenager is, I understand, still trying to shake off the heavy cough and cold he developed at the beginning of October. Becker certainly did not sound well in Tokyo and his condition, although not serious, is an aggravating legacy of an frustrating year for the former Wimbledon champion. The parting from Gunther Bosch, his coach, and a virus infection he contracted in February gave 1987 the wrong start for a young man who had tasted so much success so soon. It now remains to be seen whether Brett can put him back on track.

Trained by that no-nonsense disciplinarian Harry Hopman, the dimunitive Brett will demand total commitment from Becker and even if he has to shout up at his giant charge from little more than chest height, the Australian will not refrain from doing so.

Although John Lloyd and Paul McNamee swore by Brett, crediting him almost entirely for revitalizing their careers, some players have found his methods and relentless search for excellence too hard to take. Given that Brett has never played top class tournament tennis, the relationship could have foundered at first glance, but Becker and Brett wisely tried it out on an informal basis for a few weeks after the US Open and the word from Ion Tiriac is that everything is working out fine.

It may be too early to spring to conclusions here this week but by the time the Australian Open begins in January Brett should have started to make some sort of headway with Becker's rehabilitation.

French pair out

Yannick Noah has withdrawn because of injury from the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall from December 9 to 13. Noah and his fellow Frenchman, Guy Forget, with whom he reached last year's final, were seeded third. Their place in the draw goes to the Americans, Peter Fleming and Gary Donnelly. Fleming partnered John McEnroe to four Wimbledon doubles titles.

ROWING

Top post reward for Ellis

By Jim Railton

The Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) elected Di Ellis as chairman of the national championships committee at their quarterly meeting yesterday in London. She takes over from Mike Baldwin, who has performed the daunting task over the last three years and has resigned to concentrate on his work.

Ellis started the sport at 15 and stroked the women's Great Britain eight in 1966 and coxed a successful England crew in the 1972 Home Countries international. She works for the Surrey County Council and has been connected with the British national championships for 11 years and secretary for the past five when she has proved to be a most valued administrator.

She has also been instrumental for the tremendous growth in women's rowing over the past few years as well as being a regular umpire, a member of the women's committee for eight years, chairman of the women's commission for three and an ARA executive committee member.

Ellis has no qualms about the task ahead and wins respect as the only chairman to have won a national championship event — the women's coxed four championship in 1972.

She said yesterday: "I am looking forward to the challenge and I have confidence in the excellent supporting team who have served the championships for many years." The national championships will take place this year on July 15 to 17 and will decide over 50 national titles. It is a mammoth regatta with races cascading down the course every few minutes, leaving the organizers each year to pray for good weather.

No doubt the new chairman will wish for the British Olympic team to compete, as it will have been selected two days before.

The national championships in 1989 will take place in Scotland for the first time, in Strathclyde.

ATHLETICS

Olympian task faces field events

Britain's weaknesses in field events have again been highlighted, with the publication yesterday by the International Amateur Athletic Federation of the qualifying standards for next year's Olympic Games in Seoul.

The standards present some formidable targets for British athletes who specialize in less fashionable events: the 19.50m standard in the men's shot put, for example, is 1.60m beyond the best mark by a Briton in 1987.

Regardless of qualifying standard, Britain is entitled to send one competitor per event to the Games, although this year the selectors controversially decided not to be represented in some disciplines where tougher, self-imposed standards had not been met. No decision has yet been reached on whether such higher standards will be adopted for the Olympics.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING STANDARDS: Men: 100m — 10.44; 200m — 20.84; 400m — 46.14; 800m — 1:46.8, 1,500m — 3:38.5, 5,000m — 13:33.0; 10,000m — 28:20.0, 3,000m steeplechase — 9:28.0; 110m hurdles — 13.94, 400m hurdles — 50.24, high jump — 2.25m; long jump — 7.85m, pole vault — 5.45m, triple jump — 16.50m, shot — 19.50m; discus — 61.50; javelin — to be decided; hammer — 72.00m; decathlon — 7600pts. Women: 100m — 11.54; 200m — 23.64; 400m — 52.74; 800m — 2:01.5, 1,500m — 4:09.0; 3,000m — 9:03.0; 10,000m — to be decided; 100m hurdles — 13.44, 400m hurdles — 58.04; high jump — 1.88m, long jump — 6.50m; shot — 16.90m; discus — 57.70m; javelin — 56.50m; heptathlon — 5700pts.

● Peter Elliott of Rotherham, the world championship 800m silver medal winner, has been named as the Amateur Athletic Association's top athlete for 1987.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS 1987: G N Jackson Memorial: P Elliott (Rotherham); Harvey Memorial (best AAA championship performance), Pepsi-Cola (best under-21 performance) and Carborundum awards (best track performance at AAAs): J Regis (Belgrave H); Jack Crump award (best youth performance): D Bigham (Woodford Gn); John Thornton award (best UK hurdles performance): T Campbell (US); W J Pepper Trophy (best AAA championship field event performance): M Hill (Leeds C); Phillips Trophy (best indoor performance): T Morrell (Wolv&Bils); Denis Smith award (best indoor sprint performance): E Bunney (Edinburgh SH); George Hogsflesh Trophy (junior of the year): S Backley (Cambridge H); Joe Turner Trophy (best junior at Dairy Crest Championships): M Adam (Belgrave H).

RUGBY UNION: GLOUCESTER SHY FROM TAKING RISKS BUT THEIR NEIGHBOURS PRESS ON REGARDLESS

Unseasonable sevens trip for Crawshay's

December is hardly the traditional month for sevens, but Crawshay's Welsh are off next week to take part in the eighteenth Dubai tournament, in which the highest-placed Middle East team go forward to the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong tournament next March (David Hands writes).

The Dubai event, played on rolled sand, will be staged next Thursday and Friday, and Crawshay's have with them the nucleus of the VII that did so well in last season's Cambridge University sevens, the inaugural Monte Carlo event and the Northern sevens in September.

Their squad includes two internationals: David Pickering, who has just joined Neath from Llanelli; and David Waters, of Newport. They had hoped to have a third, Mark Titley (Swansea), but he is injured, and Colin Laity, the South Glamorgan Institute and Neath centre, has withdrawn because of his selection for the Toshiba divisional championship.

The leading team at Dubai may be the Swiss Warblers (an invitation team based in Bahrein), who can call upon internationals from three countries: their line-up includes Sella and Blanco from France, Gary Whetton from New Zealand, and Farr-Jones from Australia. The Warblers are also due to compete in the Glenlivet Monte Carlo tournament, which will be held on May 8. Crawshay's compete in the same tournament and the other teams will be: French President's VII (holders), Public School Wanderers, Irish Wolfhounds, Scottish Co-Optimists, Italian Zebras and a Monaco Invitation VII.

An Italian national VII will make their debut at the Hong Kong sevens on March 26 to 27, where they will be joined by the Wolfhounds and the Penguins, the English touring club who were so successful there last season.

CRAWSHAY'S WELSH: A Edmunds (Neath), A Bateman (Maesteg), A Martin (Cardiff), P Turner (Newbridge), G Williams (Pwllelhi), D Pickering (Neath), C Hillman (South Wales Police, capt), J Apsee (Bridgend), D Waters (Newport).

Bath decision lifts Waterloo

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Despite the likely absence of half their regular first-team players, Bath hope to go ahead with their game against Waterloo on December 12 as a Courage Clubs championship division one fixture (though they retain the right to downgrade the game should circumstances change next week). However, their West Country neighbours, Gloucester, have chosen to make this Saturday's game at Leicester a non-league match because so many of their players are absent on divisional duty.

Bath's decision, made at a management committee meeting on Tuesday evening, took Waterloo by surprise. The Lancashire club, unbeaten in the two league games they have played, had cancelled supporters' coaches in the belief that Bath — who have eight players involved in this Saturday's first round of divisional matches — would wish to postpone the meeting.

Indeed they had already pencilled in January 9 as a possible alternative, with all the rearrangement of scheduled fixtures that would have implied.

"Frankly we're delighted," Keith Alderson, the Waterloo secretary, said yesterday. "You would have to say the advantage was with us, not only because Bath are likely to have so many players out (Waterloo lose two to the North this weekend) but because they have not been performing so well this season."

Waterloo will bear in mind, however, that when the two clubs met at Blundellsands last season Bath, with several second-teamers in their ranks, came very close to stealing the result. Moreover the cup holders have had so many injury problems this season that there have been many more first-XV opportunities for their reserves than might otherwise have been the case. "We were so thoroughly fed up with all the chopping and changing that went on last season that we decided to get on and play the game," John Roberts, the Bath fixture secretary, said.

However Gloucester have decided that, with seven players at Bristol on Saturday and an eighth (Ruari Maclean) playing for Scotland B, their game at Leicester should not count for league points, although Leicester — missing six players because of divisional games — were prepared to go ahead. The game between the clubs at Kingsholm on January 9 will now count as a division-one match, even though Leicester lose home advantage.

The reverse happened last season, when Leicester de-merited the December match and subsequently lost at home in January. Since merit table rules still apply to divisions one and two, the reverse fixture can hold good though I imagine that in future, under full league rules and playing on fixed Saturdays, clubs will have to re-arrange games for the same venues.

The application of fixed Saturdays from next season, in any case, will mean no clash with the divisional championship though there are bound to be instances when games against touring sides — the Australians play all four divisions, England and England B next season for instance — will effect league matches.

Injuries a blow to Lancaster

By Michael Stevenson

Lancaster Univ 3
Nottingham Univ..... 23

Nottingham University will have the questionable privilege of playing the holders, Durham, in the play-off stages of the UAU championship next month as a result of yesterday's victory at Lancaster.

Their winning margin of 20 points, gained by scoring a goal, two tries, a dropped goal and two penalties to a penalty, was comfortable enough but their task was considerably eased by two second-half injuries in the home pack.

The Nottingham full back, Purdy, proved himself a player of real class, especially in attack, and it was a disappointment that the match hinged upon Nottingham's superior scrummaging and the kicking of Walsh at stand-off half.

For the losers Hooton at centre tackled magnificently and Williams, on the right wing, showed pace and dash. But by the closing stages their pack was struggling in the face of Nottingham's superior firepower.

Lancaster scored first, through a penalty by Collinge, but close to the interval Nottingham snatched the lead. Although Simmonds's high kick was taken cleanly by Collinge, the ball was ripped off him in the maul and Nice scored wide out on the right. Purdy's penalty made it 7-3 at half time.

A wonderful run out of defence by Morgan might have brought a try for Lancaster but his pass, intended for Williams, went astray and the twin injuries then left the Lancaster pack in disarray.

On countless occasions Nottingham seemed certain to register a pushover try. But something always seemed to go wrong until Bebbington obliged twice on either side of Walsh's opportunist drop goal from broken play.

Walsh converted Bebbington's first pushover try and added a late penalty to underline Nottingham's eventual superiority.

SCORERS: Lancaster: Penalty: Collinge. Nottingham: Tries: Nice, Bebbington (2). Dropped goal: Walsh. Conversions: Walsh. Penalties: Walsh (2).

LANCASTER: J Morgan; I Williams, M Pearson, M Hooton, C Massey; S Collinge, S Edwards; M Hornsby, J Brown, J Eddy, S Jeffries (rep: S Stevenson), K Parkes (rep: D Cheetham), J Leak, O Esom, R Forshaw.

NOTTINGHAM: S Purdy; S Nice, L Eales, A Jackson, H Walsh; S Simmonds, A Monkhouse; S Kerr, T Jeavons-Fellows, A Challis, M Griffiths, P Marshall, D Dorrell, M Bebbington, A Rink.

Referee: Mr D Leslie (Manchester).

● Tony Coombs, the Newport scrum-half, has left the Rodney Parade club. Coombs, aged 24, a plumber, hopes to follow his former club colleagues, Robert Young and Jeff Howells, who have joined Cross Keys.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Westminster defeated

By George Chesterton

The Westminster versus Charterhouse fixture which dates back 124 years was won 3-1 by Charterhouse, this year's hosts. After only eight minutes they were two ahead, Leale scoring both goals, the second with a skilful lob over the goalkeeper.

Westminster fought back well and reduced the arrears just after the interval when Cogan shot inside the near post only for Henkes to settle the issue 10 minutes from time.

An unusual feature of Charterhouse's 1-1 draw at Repton on Saturday was that four linesmen were employed to cope with thick fog. Strecker scored early for Charterhouse and Repton had to wait until the last minute for the equalizer.

Another match where fog made conditions difficult was in Wellingborough's 3-2 defeat of Chigwell.

Aldenham won 3-1 at Brentwood after the home team had scored first from a corner. Meara equalised before half-time from 30 yards and further goals came from Johnson and Meara, direct from a free kick.

Lancing notched up their tenth victory of the season in beating Ardingly 5-0. Alcock and Mercer each scored twice and Dexter rubbed home his side's advantage with a fine individual goal.

In the ESFA Gillette Trophy Colchester progressed to the fifth round with a 6-1 win over Croydon and now meet Plymouth who beat East Berkshire 1-0. Swindon, having beaten East Cornwall 4-0, now prepare to play Mid-Oxfordshire. Further north Sheffield join Barnsley, Bradford and Leeds in round five after beating Newcastle 4-2 in their replayed match.

SHOW JUMPING

Greenough withdraws

Gail Greenough, from Canada, the world champion, has had to withdraw from the Olympia International Show Jumping Championships to be held later this month from December 16 to 20 (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Her top horse, Mr T, on whom she won the world title at Aachen in West Germany last year, has injured himself and is unable to compete at any shows for the remainder of the season. Miss Greenough's replacement has not yet been announced.

Home referees called on for divisional duty

Referees from the other three home countries have been invited to officiate in three of the six Toshiba divisional championship matches this month (David Hands writes). Ray Megson, of Scotland, and Derek Bevan, of Wales, will handle the North versus London at Otley and the South-West versus Midlands at Bristol this weekend, and Steven Hilditch, of Ireland, takes charge of the match between the South-West and North at Gloucester on December 12.

This is part of a deliberate policy by the Rugby Football Union to expose their leading players to the characteristics of "foreign" referees (the more cynical might say that it also allows the England management to check on the strengths and weaknesses of officials who might be handling their matches in the Five Nations championship).

Hilditch has been joined on the Irish international panel by a fellow Ulsterman, Brian Stirling, who fills the vacancy left by the retirement of David Burnett. The third Irish referee this season is Eoin Doyle, who will represent his country at the meeting this weekend of Five Nations officials.

England's three international-panel referees will look after the remaining three divisional matches: Fred Howard has Midlands versus London (Leicester, December 12), Roger Quittenton Midlands versus North (Northampton, December 19) and Colin High London versus South-West (Imber Court, December 19).

Injured Thorburn told to take a month's rest

Paul Thorburn, the Wales and Neath fullback, has been advised by Harold Richards, the honorary surgeon to the WRU, to have a complete rest for between four and six weeks because of a pelvic complaint.

"I have decided to play in the Llanelli game and to give it a rest after that," said Thorburn. "I hope to be ready in time for the cup match at Dunvant on December 19 and in readiness for the Welsh trial.

"I'm not exactly sure what the problem is, but I do experience pain during the initial stages of a game especially when kicking."

Another Welshman in the wars is John Morgan, Bridgend's skipper, who is in hospital to try to disperse calcification. Morgan received his injury while playing for the Rest of Wales three weeks go and is not expected to play again until next year.

Neil Raikes, the RAF fullback, earns his first full game for Bristol against Newport at Rodney Parade on Saturday. Raikes, who made his debut as a replacement against London Welsh last month, plays because England fullback Jon Webb is involved in the Toshiba divisional championship.

Meanwhile, in the Bath second team, John Hall, the England flanker who has missed much of the season following a knee operation, will be making a comeback in the game at junior club Redingensians.

Glasgow will field what is probably their youngest ever pack for the McEwan's district championship match against the South at The Greenyards on Saturday.

There will be two players aged 20 and three aged 21, all of whom played in Glasgow's under-21 district championship winning team, with three of them, Bob Cairney, Stephen Baird and Alan Watt, making their debuts at the higher class.

Following their 19-12 defeat by Edinburgh last Saturday, seven changes have been made to the side, including the omission of Douglas Livingstone, Glasgow's hooker and captain, and Ewen McCorkindale, the scrum half.

● Nigel Douglas, son of John Douglas, the former Scotland captain, has been named among 12 newcomers in the Scottish Schools team to play French Schools at Goldenacre on Saturday fortnight.

GLASGOW TEAM (to play The South): D Drummond (West of Scotland), M Duncan (West of Scotland), S McAslan (Glasgow Academicals), I Jardine (Stirling County), S Munro (Ayr), D Barrett (West of Scotland), G MacGregor (Glasgow Academicals), A Sturgess (Glasgow Academicals), R Cairney (Glasgow Academicals), S Baird (Glasgow Academicals), S Munro (Glasgow High Kelvinside), A Watt (Glasgow High Kelvinside), W Malcolm (Glasgow Academicals, capt), D Millar (West of Scotland), D Busby (Hutfhead). Replacements: D Fulton (Kilmarnock), E McCorkindale (Glasgow High Kelvinside).

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TEAM (to play French Schools at Goldenacre, December 19): D R D Pathey (Morrison's Academy); S A Nichol (Selkirk HS), K E Squires (Dollar Academy), D R W Adam (Dollar Academy), N G Douglas (Edinburgh Academy), A G Shiel (Earlston HS), A D Nicol (Dundee HS), K R Brown (Earlston HS), A J Bain (Dundee HS), G M Kenbard (Harris Academy, capt), S A Aitken (Earlston HS), S W Paul (George Heriot's), D J Archibald (Berwickshire HS), G W Weir (Stewart's Melville), G D McGill (Dundee HS). Replacements: L B A Thompson (Selkirk HS), J S Jowett (Merchiston Castle School), R J Gray (Galashiels Academy), R M Dickson (Berwickshire HS), A H R Hay (Merchiston Castle School), B J Wayte (Gosprie HS).

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Spotlight on a McMahon who did not make the grade

The flame still burns

Four years ago John McMahon appeared to be on the threshold of a successful career as a professional footballer. Following in the footsteps of his brother Steve – now a key member of Liverpool's all-conquering team – he had spent five years progressing through the ranks at Everton, the club he and his family had supported all their lives.

A former Goodison Park ballboy, he had signed schoolboy forms with the club on his fourteenth birthday. He had moved on from the youth team to the reserves, which he captained, and had already had a sniff of first team football as thirteenth man for an away match at Wolverhampton Wanderers. When Howard Kendall, the manager, broke the news that Everton would not be renewing his first year professional contract, he could hardly believe it.

McMahon, who on Saturday will enjoy a rare moment in the spotlight when he plays for Runcorn against Stockport County in the second round of the FA Cup, said: "I remember it so clearly. It was Friday the thirteenth and one of the worst days of my life. It took me a long time to get over it. Football had been my whole life and was the only thing I was really interested in.

"At first I tried to find another club. My brother had left Everton at about the same time to go to Aston Villa and I followed him there. They gave me a trial, but although they said they were quite impressed they just didn't have room for me. It was the same at Preston and Northampton. It was quite a shock coming to terms with the fact that I was out of work and would have to find a job outside football."

FA CUP

McMahon is now assistant manager of a sports centre on Merseyside and plays part-time for Runcorn in the GM Vauxhall Conference. He admits, however, that he would still like to prove himself as a professional.

"It's something that's at the back of my mind all the time," he said. "I know that I'm good enough. But it would have to be a very good offer to tempt me. With my job and the money I get from playing for Runcorn I probably earn more than a lot of professionals and I've got more job security."

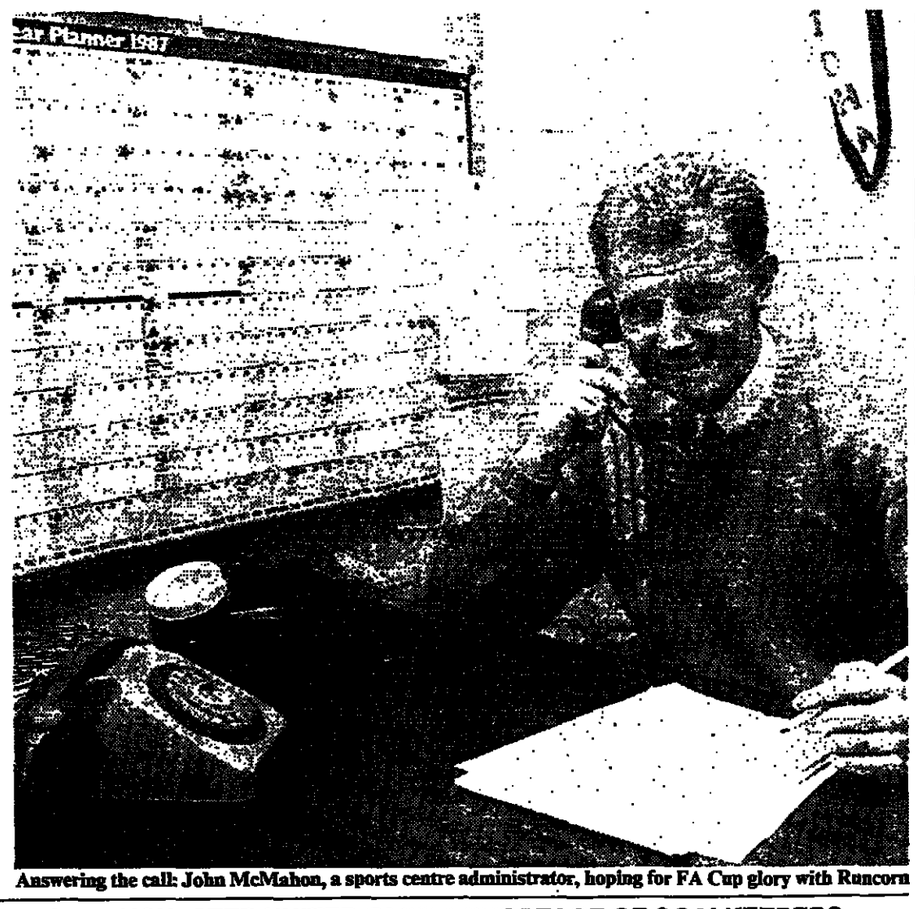
McMahon has tended to drift from club to club in non-League football – he has also played for South Liverpool, Southport, Witton Albion and Altrincham – but his qualities as an aggressive, hard-working, midfield player in much the same mould as his brother have enabled him to survive at a level where many former professionals have failed.

"At first I was surprised at how high the non-League playing standards are," he said. "It was a lot quicker than I had expected, although it was less skilful. It was more physical than I had been used to and I think that's why a lot of former professionals don't succeed at this level. They think it will be easy for them, but it certainly isn't."

McMahon suffered a broken ankle early in the season and made his return in last month's 1-0 victory in the first round of the Cup away to Chester City, of the third division. "It was one of the best days of my career," he said.

"When we heard the draw for the second round, home to Stockport or Telford, we all hoped it would be Stockport. We'll be more motivated playing against a fourth division club than we would have been against someone from our own league."

Paul Newman


Answering the call: John McMahon, a sports centre administrator, hoping for FA Cup glory with Runcorn

SQUASH RACKETS

Harvey's walk-out provokes inquiry

By a Special Correspondent

Neil Harvey, the most successful England player at the recent World championships and the No. 1 seed for the national championship, which begins at Bristol tomorrow, faces disciplinary action after failing to complete a match in Tuesday night's American Express Premier League.

Playing at top string for London InterCity Cannons away to Castlemaine Weston, Harvey had already disagreed with a number of refereeing decisions when he was refused a let at seven-all in the fourth game. After an appeal to the referee, Jeff Horsley, had proved fruitless, Harvey shook hands with his opponent, Phil Whitlock, and walked off court. Whitlock was awarded the match, giving his Avon side their first win of the Premier-League season.

Harvey's action may have cost Cannons the opportunity to go top of the table – a victory would have lifted them above the joint leaders, Central Motors Leicester and James Capel Ardleigh – but it could result in even greater personal damage.

"We cannot tolerate any behaviour which undermines a referee's authority," the League administrator, Andrew Shelley, said. "We have asked for reports from the two match officials and both players, and the disciplinary panel will be announcing its decision very shortly."

The implications are that Harvey will be made aware of his punishment before playing his first match at Bristol tomorrow evening. He could be fined up to £500 or disqualified from the Premier League, but it seems more likely that he will escape with a one or two-match ban.

"Neil certainly regrets the incident," the Cannons team manager, Ian Robinson, said today. "But he feels there is nothing to be gained by making public comment at this time and wants to turn his mind immediately to concentrate on the nationals."

There is no doubt that some of Harvey's closest rivals already have their sights set firmly on the forthcoming action in Bristol. The defending champion, Bryan Beeson, also playing for Cannons, put the final touches to his preparations by crushing thye Welsh No. 1, Cerryg Jones, 9-5, 9-7, 9-0. Del Harris, the British Under-19 and Under-23 champion, led Ardleigh to victory with a comprehensive 9-3, 9-4, 9-7 win over Paul Carter.

The best performance of the night, however, came from the Scotsman, Mark Maclean, a surprise finalist at Bristol last year. He helped send Leicester crashing to their first defeat of the season by dismissing the world No. 7, Stuart Davenport, for the loss of just 12 points.

● Wembley will host all stages of the Hi-Tec British Open championships next season. The qualifying rounds will be at the Wembley Squash Centre from April 10 to 14, with the finals at the Wembley Conference Centre from April 14 to 16.

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Castlemaine Weston 3, Intercity Cannons 2; Fin Smod Herts 1, James Capel Ardleigh 4; Central Motors Leicester 1, Jim Hall Sports Northern 4; Poundstrencher Dunnings Mill 3, Dawsbury Central 2. Leading positions: 1, James Capel Ardleigh, played 6, 30pts; 2, Central Motors Leicester, 6, 30; 3, InterCity Cannons, 6, 27.

Dittmar rises to occasion

From Colin McQuillan
Muscat

Chris Dittmar, of Australia, last night earned the dubious reward of playing the final of the Al Falaj World Grand Prix squash tournament against the best Pakistani in the game. He did it by beating the former world champion, Ross Norman, 9-6, 9-3, 9-7, in a 57-minute semi-final of such quality it was difficult to accept that these two men could be inferior to any others.

Yet in the second semi-final on the splendid three-glass walled court of the Al Falaj Hotel, the new teenage world champion, Jansher Khan, established himself beyond doubt as the world No 1 as he defeated for the seventh successive time the once supreme Jahangir Khan 9-3, 9-2, 5-9, 9-2 in 75 minutes.

There was no rest for Dittmar last night. Norman, the New Zealand "Iron Man" who ended Jahangir's astonishing five and a half-year undefeated reign 12 months ago, has lost consistently to the big left-handed redhead from South Australia this season.

Despite the scoreline, he was only a whisker away from success. But a whisker is as good as a bushman's beard at this level of competition. The first half of each game here was a feast of inventive athletic play from all corners of the court. Norman is a great retriever, bettered only by Jansher himself. Dittmar is amazingly fast for a man more suited physically for middleweight boxing. In the end, the difference lay between perfect left-handed boasting and occasional imprecise New Zealand drop shots.

Norman claimed that vital decisions from the referee, David Stevenson, changed the course of events. "It is calls like that which make the difference between winning and losing," he said when a corkscrew shot was called out on the front wall. "You are being conned," he shouted against a penalty stroke for Dittmar on a high overhead volley impediment. But the referee was right and Norman later admitted Dittmar was just too good for him.

SEMI-FINALS: C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ) 9-6, 9-3, 9-7; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak) 9-3, 9-2, 5-9, 9-2.

CRICKET

England are once more disconcerted by spin

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sahiwal

The Chief Minister of the Punjab would have been pleased with his XI for the way they bowled against England here yesterday, had he been present to see them. It was not quite a true pitch, especially with regard to the bounce early on, and the ball will turn; but better that way than that it should be entirely lifeless. In the final over of a cloudless day, on which there was a breeze to rustle the dusty old trees that surround the ground, England were all out for 279.

There was disappointment for Broad and Fairbrother, who could have done with some runs but were both out in an excellent opening spell from Saleem Jaffer. Since Waugh hit him for 18 runs in the last over of Australia's innings in the World Cup semi-final, Jaffer has rather fallen out of favour. But with his fourth ball yesterday he had Broad caught at the wicket and Fairbrother made only two scoring strokes in 70 minutes before being caught at slip off Jaffer, the ball having been knocked on by the wicketkeeper.

Jaffer had now taken two for 13 in nine overs. But from then on England were confronted mostly by spin. Mushtaq Ahmed and Zulfiqar Butt, two 17-year-olds, bowled leg breaks and orthodox left-arm respectively. Akram Raza dealt in off breaks. Supple fingers, a youthful ebullience and a good spring in his step make Mushtaq the bowler he is – a better leg-spinner already than any we have in England. I hope he can keep it up: for what he brought to it he was the star of yesterday's play. There could be no complaints about the umpiring now, either, and, with Abdul Qadir in mind, no encouragement to England in the way their batsmen played Mushtaq.

There was a reasonable crowd, and little Mushtaq comes from Sahiwal, which made it more fun for them. At tea he was photographed with all the local bigwigs. Perhaps I should say that they were photographed with him. He had bowled unchanged through the afternoon and taken five for 46 in 19 overs. But he had spun the skin off his fingers by then, and, besides that, he found in Hemmings and French two old pros to stand in his way.

By the time Robinson and Athey had added 50 together for the third wicket it had seemed very unlikely that neither of them would go on and make a hundred. They were playing nicely, Athey occasionally quite forcefully. But both were genuinely dismissed by Mushtaq, Athey caught and bowled as he drove and Robinson by a googly or top spinner. Capel was very well caught, one-handed by mid-off running back towards the straight boundary, and Sohail, first at silly point and then at short leg, picked up DeFreitas and Emburey.

There was a time when an England side in a three-day match in similar circumstances would have declared and given themselves half an hour's bowling.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND XI: First innings

B C Broad c Dalpat b Jaffer	0
R T Robinson b Mushtaq	51
N H Fairbrother c Rana b Jaffer	5
C W J Athey c and b Mushtaq	43
D J Capel c Elahi b Mushtaq	15
P A J DeFreitas c Sohail b Mushtaq	25
*J E Emburey c Sohail b Mushtaq	9
†B N French c Mandad b Raza	45
E E Hemmings c Malik b Zulfiqar	34
N G B Cook c Mandad b Mushtaq	32
G R Dilley not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 1, nb 1)	16
Total	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-49, 3-112, 4-119, 5-132, 6-154, 7-171, 8-228, 9-275.

BOWLING: Jaffer 16-4-31-2; Zakir 5-3-20-0; Zulfiqar 24-5-69-1; Mushtaq 38.1-11-81-6; Raza 15-2-44-1; Sohail 4-1-20-0.

CHIEF MINISTER'S XI: Zahoor Elahi, Aamir Sohail, *Salim Malik, Mansoor Rana, Anwar Mandad, †Anil Dalpat, Akram Raza, Zulfiqar Butt, Zakir Khan, Saleem Jaffer, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Umpires: Masroor Ali and Iftikher Malik.

FOOTBALL: MANCHESTER UNITED FACE A SHORTAGE OF GOALKEEPERS

Omens are not good for Dennis

The Football Association has fixed next Thursday as the day on which Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers full back, must appear on his fifth disrepute charge, to attempt to explain his eleventh sending-off.

Dennis, aged 26, reached his own personal black mark, after 10 seasons' service with Birmingham City, Southampton and QPR, at White Hart Lane on November 14. He was sent off after 32 minutes of the 1-1 draw, following an elbowing incident involving Osvaldo Ardiles, Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian midfield player.

Dennis's fate will be decided by a three-man disciplinary commission but the omens are not good when one considers the recent hefty punishment meted out to Steve Walsh, the Leicester City defender.

The FA upheld a six-match ban and £500 fine on Walsh, who was sent off on the opening day of the season after elbowing the Shrewsbury Town forward, Dave Geddis, in the face, fracturing his jaw in three places. It was the sixth dismissal of Walsh's career and he later received another three-match ban after receiving 21 disciplinary points.

Dennis, who currently has the worst disciplinary record in British football, could well receive a record suspension as well as a big fine. He is also likely to be told it will be his final warning, with no more last reprieves if he is sent off again.

His moment of madness at Tottenham has already cost Dennis dearly. Apart from an automatic ban of two games, he was punished internally by QPR, while a suspended £500 fine from the players' union automatically came into effect.

Meanwhile, the Rangers manager, Jim Smith, has been asked to go to the FA on the same day and explain his comments after the match, reported in several national newspapers, that Ardiles was a "professional conman". However, his subsequent public apology to Ardiles could help his case.

Also in hot water as a result of another heated London derby will be Joe McLaughlin, the Chelsea captain. He will appear on the same day on a disrepute charge, following comments he made to the referee after his team's 3-1 defeat at Arsenal

● MILAN: The Italian league yesterday penalized Juventus for a firework-throwing incident at a game against Cesena last month by stripping them of their 2-1 victory (Reuter reports).

Walsh head injury adds to Ferguson's team problems

By Ian Ross

Injuries could force Manchester United into fielding their third-choice goalkeeper in the League game against Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday.

Gary Walsh, their first choice, was admitted to hospital in Bermuda on Tuesday after suffering concussion during a friendly game on United's tour of the island against a local side, Somerset Trojans.

Walsh was led away from the field dazed two minutes from the end of the game after receiving a kick on the head. United won 4-1.

"It was a terrible tackle. Both the games we took part in were played in a tremendous spirit but then something silly like this happens to spoil everything," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said.

With Chris Turner, the reserve team goalkeeper, still unavailable through injury, Ferguson will have to promote Jim O'Donnell from the third team if Walsh fails to recover in time.

Ferguson will step up his long-term interest in Steve Bruce, the Norwich City central defender, when he returns home today.

Martin Edwards, the United chairman, has already been in touch with his Carrow Road counterpart, Robert Chase, after Bruce had made it clear he wished to leave Norwich.

"I have asked Mr Chase to let me know if he does decide to sell," said Edwards.

Chase admitted yesterday that several clubs had made approaches about Bruce but said there had been no bids so far. "We have had no actual offers from anyone even though three or four clubs have contacted us to ask what the situation is.

Apart from United, Tottenham, Rangers and Chelsea are thought to be interested in signing the 26-year-old Norwich captain.

"We have told them that Steve still has 18 months of his contract to run and promised to let them know if anything happens to change the situation," Chase added. "We can't afford to lose him in our present position."

Bruce said: "I have never been happier in my life than I have been at Norwich, but as far as I'm concerned United are the biggest club in the country and I would be happy if Norwich reached an agreement with them. Joining United would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me."

Decision on Chelsea's plan before Christmas

Chelsea's future at Stamford Bridge still hangs in the balance following the club's final attempt to persuade Hammersmith and Fulham Council to approve a scheme for redevelopment of the 11-acre site (Clive White writes).

Mike Goodman, the chairman of the council's planning committee, said there was a 50-50 chance that Chelsea's application would be accepted. "Some members of the council are wholeheartedly in favour of the scheme, some have reservations," he said. The committee will come to a final decision on December 17. Before then the plans will go on public display.

If Chelsea fail there will be nothing to prevent the bulldozers of Marler Estates, from whom Chelsea lease the ground, moving into Stamford Bridge in August 1989 when the lease expires. Marler obtained planning permission for the site from the council when it was controlled by the Conservatives.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, believes that viability for the club's project could be achieved by floating Chelsea on the Stock Exchange. He says "every legitimate fear" of local residents has been satisfied.

● Frank Clark, the Leyton Orient manager, was detained in an East London hospital for a second night of observation. He was concussed in an accident at the club's training ground.

● The Derby County manager, Arthur Cox, has told Shrewsbury's new manager, Ken Brown, that the former England midfield player, John Gregory, who is aged 33, is not for sale. Cox insisted: "Gregory is still a very important member of our club."

● Brighton and Hove Albion are to impose a life ban on six supporters and will publish their names in the club's next programme. This action follows unruly behaviour at two recent matches.

● Paul Williams has been recalled from his loan period with third division Brentford by Charlton Athletic to play against Everton on Saturday. Williams has scored six goals in eight games while on loan at Griffin Park. The Charlton manager, Lennie Lawrence, said: "I am bringing him back to play in the first team."

● Martin Allen, Queen's Park Rangers' England under-21 midfield player, signed a new four-year contract yesterday. Ten of Rangers' first team have now committed themselves to the club into the 1990s; the exception is Terry Fenwick, the captain, who is still considering a contract that would make him the highest paid player in the club's history.

● Steve Clarke, Chelsea's Scottish international defender, has signed a new contract binding him to the club until 1994.

Tuesday's results

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Bournemouth 0, Manchester City 2; Millwall 3, Reading 0; Swindon Town 4, Huddersfield Town 1.

SIMOD CUP: Second round: Charlton Athletic 1, Leicester City 2 (aet; score after 90mins: 1-1); Ipswich Town 2, West Bromwich Albion 1; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Stoke City 1.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Peterborough United 3, Cambridge United 0.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Welling 0, Bromley 0. Third round: Altrincham 1, Horwich 2; Kettering 2, Northwich 3 (aet). Postponed: Sutton United v Bognor Regis.

IRISH BUDWEISER CUP: Coleraine 1, Linfield 0 (aet); Glentoran 2, Portadown 0; Glenavon 6, Crusaders 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 1, South Liverpool 1; Marine 0, Caernarfon 0; Goole 4, Matlock 0; Witton 0, Morecambe 1. First division: Irlam 1, Penrith 0; Leek 1, Eastwood Hanley 0; Netherfield 0, Lancaster 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 1, Sheffield United 1; Grimsby Town 0, Liverpool 6; Manchester United 3, Aston Villa 0. Second division: Middlesbrough 4, Doncaster 1, Rotherham 2, Darlington 3.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round, second replay: Whitley Bay 1, Spennymoor 3.

WELSH CUP: Third round: Llantarpwil 0, Shrewsbury Town 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Buckingham 1, Moor Green 2; Forest Green 0, Trowbridge 1. Southern division: Thanet 8, Chatham 0; Folkestone 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 5. Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Erith and Belvedere 1, Tonbridge 3; Atherstone 1, Leicester United 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 1, Kingstonian 3; Tooting and Mitcham 4, Hitchin 3; Windsor and Eton 3, St Albans 0. First division: Billericay 0, Boreham Wood 5; Leatherhead 0, Wokingham 0; Lewes 2, Marlow 2. Second division north: Barton 1, Vauxhall Motors 3; Haringey 1, Berkhamsted 2; Hertford 1, Saffron Walden 0; Witham 4, Rainham 0; Wivenhoe 4, Aveley 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services 3, FA XI 3 (at Aldershot).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cheltenham 3, Tredegar 15; Nottingham 15, Sheffield 0.

GOLF

Bonallack issues a warning

By Patricia Davies

At any annual general meeting there is always a buzz of excitement on the introduction of any other business, and at the AGM of the English Ladies' Golf Association in London yesterday a distinguished but uninvited speaker duly created quite a stir.

Angela Bonallack, a former English champion, came hotfoot from a meeting of the European Golf Association in Geneva to warn her compatriots that the Europeans may be running out of patience with the four women's home unions, which are not affiliated to the EGA but play in all their events.

Mrs Bonallack, who was in Switzerland as the technical representative of the Ladies' Golf Union, said: "The Europeans are mystified by our attitude and I felt I had to speak out because we've had a series of meetings over the summer and got nowhere. 'What's in it for us?' seems to be the general feeling and I find it very depressing.

"I believe England, as the most successful of the home unions, should give a lead on this."

Mrs Bonallack conceded that the EGA was still some way from banning British and Irish players from events like the European Team Championship

Baker handed rookie award

Peter Baker, the former Walker Cup amateur international, has been named the PGA European tour's "Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year". Baker, aged 20, from Codsall, near Wolverhampton, finished 63rd on the 1987 Epson Order of Merit, and was voted to the title by Henry Cotton, representatives of the tour and the Association of Golf Writers.

Baker, who in his first complete season as a full member of the PGA European tour earned £24,647, said: "The tour is a hard process of gathering experience and learning, but I mean to keep improving until I reach the top."

The award carries a bonus of £2,160 from sponsors Technicolour Business Forms which Baker will use to help finance a winter campaign on the Australian tour.

HOCKEY

London almost pay the penalty

By Sydney Friskin

London Univ	2
Oxford Univ	1

London University's inability to translate opportunities into goals was again in evidence yesterday on a fine artificial surface at Kennington Park where they defeated Oxford University less decisively than they should have done in the Pizza Express London League.

London, sharper and more inventive than Oxford, whose game lacked a pattern, earned 11 short corners to the one awarded to Oxford and looked technically superior. Still, they could well have surrendered their advantage at the end after Oxford had cut their lead to 2-1.

Only a minute elapsed before London forced their first short corner from which a shot by Holmes was deflected by O'Donnel at the expense of a long corner. But Holmes was more fortunate in the sixth minute when he converted their second short corner, the ball rising off a defender's stick into the net.

Much of London's approach work was initiated by Coleman but it was not until the twentieth minute that they had another clear look at goal, Riley going through on his own to despatch a shot which Cullity did well to save.

Despite their efforts, Oxford failed to subdue London for whom Coleman set up another chance in the 31st minute. Oxford, penalized for a stick tackle, conceded the sixth short corner from which the ball was worked towards Blake. His shot, however, was saved by Cullity.

London struck forcibly at the start of the second, and should have scored from the third of three quick short corners. Krishman probably did not expect to be presented with a gift so soon and he lost control of it.

However, the chance to make amends soon arrived. After Oxford had wasted their first short corner of the match, a similar award was made to London and this time a gentle push forward by Holmes trickled through to Krishman who scored from close in.

Oxford, stirred by this additional setback, broke away on the right with Mee in high gear. His centre found its way to Allen whose path to goal was checked by O'Donnel and the umpire, believing that O'Donnel had committed obstruction, awarded Oxford a penalty stroke which Oldershaw converted.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: *R Purvis (Queen Mary's College); *P O'Donnel (St Mary's Hosp; *P Shrimpton (Univ College Hosp, captain), *P Kirkland (St Thomas's Hosp), *M Blake (Kings Coll), A Holmes (Goldsmiths), *M Riley (Goldsmiths), *M Ward (Wye College), M Coleman (Imperial College), I King (Royal Holloway and Bedford New College), P Krishman (Queen Mary's College).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: G Cullity (West Australia Univ and Brasenose); G Peters (St George's Weybridge and Christ Church); *R Oldershaw (Uppingham and Trinity); R Stimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Oriel), *N Webber (Whitgift School and Oriel), *R Rush (Culford and Lincoln, Sub D Saddon, High Storrs and Keble), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham, and Merton), J Herbert (Bryanston and Brasenose), A Ghauri (Kingston GS and Worcester), *S Mee (Merchant Taylors and Brasenose, captain), M Allen (Havant College and St John's).

Umpires: C Brine and A Wooley (Southern Counties) *Denotes a Blue or Purple.

● Cambridge University achieved their seventh victory in the London League in 13 matches after defeating Guildford, the home side, 3-1 yesterday.

REAL TENNIS

Seeds show supremacy

The top three seeds confirmed their supremacy by winning their quarter-final matches in the George Wimpey Open singles championship at Hampton Court in commanding style yesterday (William Stephens writes).

Wayne Davies, the world champion and New York professional, beat Colin Lumley, a former Australian Open champion, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3; Lachlan Deuchar, the holder, beat Julian Snow, the amateur champion, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 and Chris Ronaldson, the French Open champion, eliminated David Johnson, of Queen's Club, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Ronaldson, the former world champion, will have home-court advantage against Davies tomorrow evening; he had an undemanding match against Adam Phillips, assistant professional at Canford, after Phillips had unexpectedly eliminated Kevin King, the experienced Holyport professional.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

WEST MIDLANDS SERVICE LEAGUE: Samales cross-country races: 1, SAC Donnelly (RAF Surrey), 30.48sec; 2, Cpl Crilly (RAF Cosford), 31.00sec; 3, SAC Hughes (RAF Sealand), 31.46sec. Teams: 1, RAF Cosford, 61pts; 2, CAD Kneeton, 147; 3, West Midland Police, 199.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Bolton and Bury 99 (Gurney 44, Woods 18), Leicester Riders 101(Vaughan 25, Young 23).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Novi Belgrade 84, Leverkusen (WG) 81; Jovemut Badalona (Sp) 91, Maniemburg (Bel) 82.

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association games: Atlanta Hawks 120, Boston Celtics 108; Detroit Pistons 124, New Jersey Nets 115; Seattle Supersonics 112, New York Knicks 109; Houston Rockets 106, Denver Nuggets 101; Portland Trail Blazers 102, Phoenix Suns 100; Chicago Bulls 98, Golden State Warriors 97; Los Angeles Lakers 125, Sacramento Kings 120.

ETON FIVES

ORPINGTON: Schools match: St Olave's School D, The Eton Fives Association 3 (A McLeish and T Halsey lost to H Weseman and A Chadwick, 0-3; P Boreham and J Meacher lost to D Keble and A Day, 0-3; J Eve and P Markiannen lost to R Wheeler and T Monkton, 2-3).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League games: Vancouver Canucks 3, Quebec Nordiques 1; Washington Capitals 4, Edmonton Oilers 2; Minnesota North Stars 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Winnipeg Jets 7, Los Angeles Kings 6.

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES: Argentinian Women's Open: Second round: E L Spadea (US) bt P Etchemendy (Fr), 6-1, 7-6; M Strebel (Switz) bt E Raponi (Arg), 6-1, 6-1; A Gerber (WG) bt G Mossa (Arg), 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; O Tsabopoulou (Gr) bt S Lamatta (It), 7-5, 6-1; L Lapi (It) bt M Brown (US), 6-1, 6-2; P Ritter (Austria) bt C Dama (Fr), 6-3, 3-3, ret; L Corsetto (Br) bt S Schaller (Neth), 2-6, 6-1, 6-0; L Antonopolis (US) bt I Crudo (Fr), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

TABLE TENNIS

VIMMERBY: European league super division: Sweden v Bulgaria: (Swedish names first): J-O Waldner bt I Stojanov, 21-15, 21-15, U Bengtsson bt M Loukov, 21-19, 26-24; L Erman bt R Stojanova, 22-20, 21-18; Bengtsson and Waldner bt Loukov and Stojanov, 21-16, 21-11; Bengtsson and Erman bt Loukov and Katalina Vlasheva, 21-16, 21-12; Waldner bt Loukov, 22-20, 22-20; Bengtsson bt Stojanov, 21-14, 21-15.

HOCKEY

KARACHI: International match: Pakistan 2, The Netherlands 3.

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIP: St Andrew's 1, Dundee 4; Strathclyde 0, Glasgow 1; Heriot Watt 4, Edinburgh 4; Stirling 0, Aberdeen 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Swindon 1, Oxford United 3; Reading 1, Charlton 2, Millwall 0, West Ham 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Palmer Cup: Quarter-finals: Alleyne's, Dulwich 9, Felesian College 0; Charterhouse 3, Westminster 1.

HAMILTON, Bermuda: Friendly match: Manchester United 4, Somerset Trojans 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Petrinja: Yugoslavia 4, Belgium 0. Ioannina: Greece 0, Poland 1.

SALSOMAGGIORE: European Under-21 Championship qualifying match: Group Two: Italy 6, Portugal 0.

GOLF

HILL SAMUEL SCHOOLS' FOURSOMES: Preliminary round: Worcester RGS bt Christ, Brecon, 3-0; Monmouth lost to Shrewsbury, 0-3, Clifton lost to Bristol GS, 0-3; Exeter bt Sherborne, 3-0; St Paul's bt Hampton, 3-0. First round: Marlborough bt Wellington, 2½-½; Radley lost to Winchester, 1-2; Bradfield bt Abingdon, 2-1; Wrekin bt Cheltenham, 2½-½; Dean Close bt Malvern, 2-1; Shrewsbury bt Bromsgrove, 3-0; Oakham lost to The Leys, 0-3, Brentwood bt Uppingham, 3-0; Stamford bt Gresham's, 3-0; Canford bt Downside, 3-0; Exeter bt Bristol GS, 2-1; King's, Bruton lost to Kingswood, 0-3; Harrow bt Watford GS, 3-0; Mill Hill lost to KCS Wimbledon, 0-3; Worcester RGS lost to King Edward's, Birmingham, 1-2.

EUROPEAN TOUR: Leading career money-winners: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £1,128,779; 2, B Langer (WG), £792,686; 3, A Lyle (Scot), £757,228; 4, N Faldo (Eng), £721,457; 5, S Torrance (Scot), £562,982; 6, I Woosnam (Wal), £519,533; 7, H Clark (Eng), £517,119; 8, J-M Canizares (Sp), £482,875; 9, G Norman (Aus), £475,097; 10, M Pinero (Sp), £444,246.

NETBALL

CARDIFF: Tour match: Wales 33, West Indies 60.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: George Wimpey Open championships: Men's doubles: Second round: N Cripps (Eton) and P Tabley (Melbourne) bt C Lumley (unattached) and J Snow, 8-5, 6-1, 6-3; C Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and M Dean bt J Cook and N Hayward (Hampton Court), 8-0, 6-3, 6-1. Women's singles: First round: G Dean bt P Danby, 6-1, 6-5; P Fellows bt F Macintosh, 6-3, 6-2.

SQUASH RACKETS

LEEDS: Rothwell Open championship: Quarter-finals: S Daniels bt B Hancock, 9-7, 6-9, 9-10, 9-1, 9-6; D Duncombe bt B Laverick, 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; A Wray bt A Lund, 9-1, 9-1, 9-1.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bethany 12, Cranbrook 9; Felsted 18, Bishop's Stortford 4; Ipswich 20, RHS Holbrook 0.

SNOOKER

Quartet who play at a snail's pace

By a Special Correspondent

The referee, Alan Chamberlain, called time on four players who spent more time pondering than potting in the Fosters world doubles championship at Northampton yesterday.

After 211 minutes of excruciatingly slow play, the third round match between Murdo Macleod and John Campbell and Ian Williamson and Robby Foldvari was halted.

The quartet then had to wait until the two evening matches finished before they could resume.

It was a big disappointment for Foldvari. A large group of supporters from his local snooker club had come to cheer him on.

He and Williamson were almost docked a frame for their slowness but escaped with a ticking off. The seventh frame set the record for the session; Macleod and Campbell won it 74-42 after 50 minutes.

Eddie Charlton had more success. He and David Taylor, of Manchester, seeded thirteenth, beat Mark Wildman and Ray Edmonds 5-3 to secure their fourth round place.

Taylor's fellow Mancunian, John Virgo, brought some badly-needed sparkle into proceedings with a break of 80 against Roger Bales and Steve Newbury; Virgo was partnered by Kirk Stevens, of Canada, and at the mid-session interval they were level at 2-2.

In the other game, the No. 8 seeds, John Parrott and Dean Reynolds, were also level, 2-2, against the unseeded Barry West and Steve Duggan.

RESULTS: Third round (GB unless stated): David Taylor and E Charlton (Aus) bt M Wildman and R Edmonds, 5-3; M Macleod and J Campbell (Aus) lead I Williamson and R Foldvari (Aus), 4-3; J Virgo and K Stevens (Can) level with R Bales and S Newbury, 2-2; J Parrott and D Reynolds level with B West and S Duggan, 2-2; M Hallett and S Hendry bt B Werbeniuk (Can) and D Fowler, 5-2; J Chambers and M Clark bt S Davis and T Meo, 5-1.

SKIING

Figini off on right note

Val D'Isere (Reuter) – Michela Figini, the Swiss Olympic champion, clocked the fastest time yesterday for the opening women's World Cup downhill races on Friday and Saturday.

In the morning run, Figini trailed Marina Kiehl, of West Germany, and Kelly Casey, of Canada. But in the afternoon the Swiss competitor swept down the course in 1min 21.14sec.

Goldur Postnikova, on the World Cup tour for the first time this year, then pulled off a surprise for the Soviet Union by placing second behind Figini in 1min 21.85sec – only 0.11sec behind Kiehl's morning run.

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Birmingham loses balance over 1996 Olympic bid

By John Goodbody

Birmingham's bid to stage the 1996 Olympics is in unexpected and serious jeopardy after a vitriolic political dispute in the local council.

The unity which served Birmingham so well in its brave but unsuccessful attempt to get the Games in 1992 has disintegrated and now there is a possibility that Britain will not be bidding to hold the 1996 Games.

A proposal by Councillor Dick Knowles that the city should bid for the Games, which will celebrate the centenary of the first Modern Olympics in 1896, was defeated on Tuesday night by 71 votes to 33. Conservatives joined Labour opponents and declined to support it unless certain conditions, including spending controls, were added.

Denis Howell, the Labour MP for Small Heath, who led the bid for the 1992 Games and is hoping to do the same for 1996, said last night: "Time is running out. I can only urge all those concerned to think again very quickly. It would be an extraordinary situation if we entertained the International Olympic Committee in 1991 in the aftermath of such an act of mistaken judgement as we saw on Tuesday night."



Howell: 'Time running out'

Birmingham has until the end of this month to confirm its interest of staging the 1996 Olympics. The British Olympic Association in October invited British cities to apply for the chance to be Britain's representative.

Birmingham had indicated its interest after failing to get the 1992 Games at the IOC meeting in Lausanne in October 1986, but now must come up with a credible package before the BOA makes its decision in March.

Mr Howell, the former Minister for Sport, said: "I am still confident that wiser counsels will prevail when the Finance and General Purposes Committee meet on December 14.

"There were controls on expenditure last time. We want strict control of the overall finance but freedom within this figure."

Asked whether the unity of political parties which had been so useful for the last bid had now been shattered, he said: "All cities which hope to stage the Olympics have these controversies."

The 1992 bid cost £2.5 million but is believed to have brought to Birmingham £50 million of new investment, including a convention centre, a hotel, a concert hall and a national indoor sports centre. Cllr Knowles said: "We were together until Tuesday night. Both parties were together in going for the big prestige events like the Olympic Games and the Formula One grand prix. I was seething on Tuesday night. It was sad. This was a civilized city in political terms but if Councillor Reg Hales wants to play dirty then we will also play dirty."

The Labour leader had said during the debate with Cllr Hales, the Conservative opposition leader, that the debate "had descended into the sewers of the city".

Councillor Hales said yesterday: "We are fully in favour of making a bid but there must be controls on spending limits. It can be worked out but there must be goodwill from the Labour Party which at the moment is lacking."

The Labour group is complaining that whereas it gave a free vote, the Conservatives put the whips on for something that Labour had considered was a non-political issue.

Charles Palmer, the chairman of the British Olympic Association, said: "I am not depressed but it is better that this happen now than later. Things said in the heat of a political debate are often altered later in committee.

"What was most remarkable about Birmingham's bid last time was that it displayed a unity that I have not seen from any other country in the world."

Mary Glen-Haig, an IOC member in Britain said: "It is ridiculous for the council to get into an impasse when the city is in favour. It is disgraceful that local politics should get in the way of an Olympic dream."

Croker lays down law on police

Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, yesterday condemned police action over football violence on the field. He "deplored" moves in Scotland to prosecute four players — Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Graham Roberts, of Rangers, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic — for an incident during their premier division match on October 17.

Croker told a debate on sport and the law at the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation in Birmingham: "I don't defend players who behave in a way which could antagonize the crowd and provoke crowd trouble.

"We have had several instances where this type of thing has been brought to our attention and we have dealt severely with those responsible. Action taken by the FA has been far more severe than in the courts and was administered much more quickly.

"I believe this system works perfectly well and that the FA should be able to mind its own business. I deplore the principle of the courts becoming involved unless it is absolutely necessary," he said.

Londoners making the grade



Sticky situation: Herbert (left), of Oxford University, is closely marked by a London University opponent at Kennington Park yesterday. London emerged 2-1 winners. Report, page 39 (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

McAuley returns to familiar haunt

By George Ace

Dave McAuley, the British flyweight champion from Larne, returns to the ring at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, tonight for the first time since his memorable contest in the King's Hall in April of this year.

On that occasion, McAuley won the hearts of a near-capacity crowd and millions of television viewers throughout the United Kingdom with a courageous display against Fidel Bassa, the rugged world champion of Colombia, who was fortunate to keep his crown by virtue of a 13th round knock out.

McAuley is pitted against another South American, Roy Thompson, of Panama, who has been campaigning as a light flyweight, a division in which he earned himself a No. 6 rating by the World Boxing Association. Thompson is no stranger to Belfast or McAuley, having spent several weeks in the city assisting the British champion in his preparation for the bout against Bassa.

He will be aware of the fact that McAuley is a notoriously slow starter — Bassa dropped him in the first round. He will also be fully primed, however, as to the folly of attempting to trade punches with McAuley, something Bassa tried and almost paid for with his title when McAuley put him down twice in the ninth round. One more knock down in the round and the referee would have been obliged to stop the contest in McAuley's favour, the bout being fought under the three knock downs in a round rule.

Paul Hodkinson, of Kirby, the unbeaten featherweight, is in a supporting role against another Panamanian, Marcus Smith. Smith had a decision over Tomas Arguellas, the man who drew with Hodkinson over six rounds in Panama City in the summer and who was subsequently stopped by the Kirkby boxer a few months ago in the Ulster Hall.

Barney Eastwood, McAuley's manager, introduces his latest signing, Eamonn Loughran, of Ballymena. Loughran, aged 17, is described by his manager "as something really special". He has a splendid amateur record which brought him provincial and national juvenile titles for six successive seasons. Loughran meets Adam Muir, of Scotland.

Scotland thwarted on a frostbound surface

From Roddy Forsyth
Esch-sur-Alzette

Luxembourg	0
Scotland	0

Scotland ended their European Championship campaign with a stuttering goalless match against Luxembourg in this frontier town here last night and so denied themselves the chance of a rare sequence of four consecutive victories.

The Scots, reshaped yet again after a catalogue of withdrawals because of injury, moved immediately into attack against a team which had failed to win at this level since 1972.

The stadium was scarcely up to English fourth division standards and the pitch was clearly rock hard after days of undiminished frost as was shown when the ball spun awkwardly from Nevin as he set off on his first foray along the Scottish right flank. The Chelsea player was able to construct a clear opening for Johnston in the ninth minute, only for the defenders to smother the threat.

Johnston went close to putting Scotland ahead after 15 minutes when Whyte, the young Celtic full back, starting an international for the first time, made ground on the left and produced an inviting cross which the forward headed down and just outside the far post. It was one of several wasted opportunities in what was to prove a frustrating opening period.

Luxembourg, for all their lack of class, were prepared to move into Scottish territory whenever the opportunity presented itself and midway through the half Scholten found himself clear in a good position. However his failure to control the ball with his first touch carried him away from the area of immediate danger, although he did manage to hook a low drive towards Leighton's far post, forcing the goalkeeper to scramble along his line.

Play soon resumed its flow in the other direction but the Scots remained ineffectual in attack. Johnston's next opportunity came when McStay played in a penetrating low ball but the forward's cross shot from six yards sped past a post.

Moments later Whyte again added his support to the front line with a sortie and cross which found Johnston clear in the centre of the penalty area. But he seemed not to realize that he was unmarked in yards of space and a mistimed header from him enabled the defenders to re-group.

As half time approached the Scots seemed discouraged by their woeful failure to overcome the home side's vigorous application of the offside trap.

The period immediately after the interval saw Nevin push in towards Johnston and Sharp, a strategy which simply added to the congestion around the Luxembourg area.

Given the Scots' cumbersome play in this region it was no surprise to find that their best effort for some time was a drive from 18 yards by Aitken, which was not far away.

Scotland then came close to suffering a shocking setback when Langers, given a chance from close range, struck his shot into the arms of a relieved Leighton.

Mackay and Black now arrived to replace Whyte and the unhappy Nevin who was entitled to feel dismay at the use which had been made of his skills, Wilson dropping back from midfield.

LUXEMBOURG: J Van Rijswijck (Jeunesse d'Esch); H Meunier (Avenir Beggen), M Bossi (Niedercorn), C Weis (CAS Luxembourg) P Petry (Niedercorn), J Girres (Avenir Beggen), G Jeitz (CAS Luxembourg), J Barboni (Jeunesse d'Esch), T Schotten (Jeunesse d'Esch), R Langers (Guingamp), B Reiter (CAS Luxembourg).
SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); M Malpas (Dundee United), D Whyte (Celtic, sub: G Mackay (Hearts)), R Aitken (Celtic), A McLeish (Aberdeen, captain), W Miller (Aberdeen), P Nevin (Chelsea, sub: E Black (Metz), P McStay (Celtic), M Johnston (Nantes), G Sharp (Everton), I Wilson (Everton).
Referee: M Neuner (West Germany)

Rous Cup delay

Scotland and England will wait until the World Cup draw is made in Zurich next week before they invite a third country to take part in next season's Rous Cup tournament (Roddy Forsyth writes).

France have turned down an invitation to play in the 1988 competition, and an invitation to Argentina was ruled out by the Football Association, and although the FA suggested Uruguay as an alternative the Scots are less than happy at the thought of entertaining the South Americans, whom they last met in an ill-tempered match in the World Cup finals in Mexico last year.

The Uruguayans were reduced to 10 men after only one minute of the match when Batista was sent off for a savage foul on Gordon Strachan and following a rowdy Press conference after the game Ernie Walker, the Scottish Football Association secretary, described the South Americans as "scum".

The SFA's international committee met before last night's European Championship match between Luxembourg and Scotland and decided to defer a decision on their invitation until the Zurich meeting. Although Uruguay have not been dismissed as an option it is thought that it will be more likely that a European team not drawn against Scotland or England in next years World Cup qualifying sections will be chosen to complete the triangular tournament.

England given top seeding

England will join West Germany, Spain, the Soviet Union, Denmark, Belgium and France as the seven European countries to be seeded for the World Cup draw in Zurich on December 12 (Clive White writes).

This became clear when Hermann Neuberger, the vice-president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), announced that results from the present European championship qualifying competition would be included in the seeding assessment.

On that basis, those countries already named would be seeded while Italy, who have the fifth best European record, qualify as hosts.

Scotland would be included among the second seeds, Northern Ireland and Wales third seeds. The Welsh should at least avoid Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, who have eached dashed their hopes in qualifying competitions in recent years.

The Republic of Ireland, who have qualified for the finals of the European championship, miss a third seeding by a single point.

L'Equipe, the French sports newspaper, said that Europe would continue with four qualifying groups of five and three groups of four from which 13 sides would join Italy in the finals.

SEED GROUPINGS (from which one country at a time will be drawn to make up the qualifying groups): A: West Germany, England, Spain, Soviet Union, Denmark, Belgium, France. B: Bulgaria, Netherlands, Poland, East Germany, Portugal, Scotland, Hungary. C: Romania, Sweden, Wales, Northern Ireland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia. D: Republic of Ireland, Greece, Switzerland, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Albania. E: Turkey, Malta, Luxembourg, Cyprus.

Two on rugby death charges

Two French Rugby Union players were charged with manslaughter in Marseilles on Tuesday night after police investigations into the death of Dominique Leydier, the Monteux centre who was fatally kicked in the head during a brawl at the end of a junior club match on November 15.

Philippe Rech, the player-coach from Monteux's opponents that day, Marseilles Electricity and Gas Board sports club, and another player in the side, named as M Gilles, were charged after being detained by police earlier in the day.

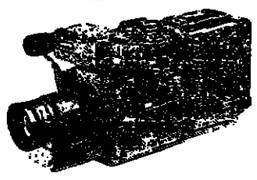
● Ian Harrison, the Plymouth Albion lock, has been suspended for 60 days for being sent off for fighting while playing for Devon against Gloucestershire in the Toshiba County Championship game at Exeter last month.

Harrison, who was also sent off while playing for Old Technicians, a Plymouth side, against Exeter University three years ago, received his sentence from the Devon RFU's disciplinary committee on Tuesday night. He will miss three of Albion's Courage Clubs Championship third division matches while serving the suspension.

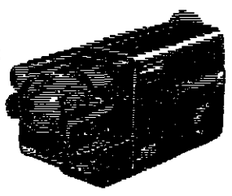
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San Diego to contest Cup ruling

San Diego (Reuter) — Maureen O'Connor, the mayor of San Diego, said yesterday that the city plans to file an independent appeal of a judge's ruling which would force the San Diego Yacht Club to defend the America's Cup against New Zealand in 90-foot waterline boats next year.

The city council, citing a "vested public interest in the Cup", agreed to try to convince a New York judge of appeal that San Diego's interests should have been considered before a court decision upheld New Zealand financier Michael Fay's challenge.

O'Connor said the city council has "unanimously authorized" its attorney to work with a New York law firm on an appeal on San Diego's behalf.

Last week the New York Supreme Court ruled in favour of Fay, ordering the San Diego Yacht Club to accept New Zealand's 1988 challenge in the 90-foot waterline boats or forfeit the America's Cup.

The yacht club and the Sail America Foundation had been planning a 1991 competition in the traditional much smaller 12-metre boats.

The cup holders are scheduled to announce what action they will take with regard to the New York judge's ruling today. It is likely they will appeal against the decision.

"We're all pointing in the direction of intervening and appealing," O'Connor said, when asked if she was jumping the gun in authorizing the city's appeal before the Sail America Foundation's announcement.

Scaff looks an easy target for Mason

Gary Mason should make further progress up the world ladder tonight at the Barry Hearn and Terry Lawless show at Southend where he meets Sam Scaff, of the United States (Srikumar Sen writes).

Mason's heavy work on the Welsh plodder, Andy Gerrard, at White Hart Lane, cost him some credibility, and he will have to despatch the Kentuckian, aged 31, rather more quickly to satisfy fans.

There is certainly plenty of Scaff to hit. He is 18 stone plus, 6ft 6in tall, slow, fat and game. Scaff has had 24 contests, lost 10 and been stopped nine times.

It will be interesting to see how Mason's handywork compares with that of Tim Witherspoon and Mike Tyson. Witherspoon stopped Scaff in four and no prizes for guessing in which round Tyson knocked him out.

SPORT IN BRIEF

McCrory bout off

Glenn McCrory, the Commonwealth cruiserweight champion, has called off his contest with the heavyweight, Ian Priest, of Alfreton, on Monday at the Gateshead Leisure Centre.

McCrory's manager, Doug Bidwell, who was promoting the bill, said the supporting contests were not good enough and has cancelled the whole show.

Jacklin's date

Tony Jacklin, Europe's Ryder Cup captain, will play in the Johnnie Walker golf international pro-am in Tobago from January 16 to 29. Jacklin will compete in the 54-hole team contest and the 36-hole individual professional event. Also taking part is Angel Gallardo, of Spain, last year's winner.



Palmer: change of scene

Palmer switch

Jonathan Palmer, the Formula One 3.5-litre world champion, swaps his Tyrrell for a turbo-charged supercar in the Motaquip British Rallycross Grand Prix

Appeal lodged

Oldham Rugby League club has appealed against the three-match ban on the centre, Des Foy.

Ijaz signs

Redcar, the North Yorkshire and South Durham League club, have signed Ijaz Ahmed, the Pakistan Test player, as their professional for next season.

Foot injury

A broken foot has forced Matt Scoggins, the American indoor high-board champion, to withdraw from the four-day Sun Life International Diving Cup tournament, starting at Crystal Palace tonight.

In the running

Mervyn Stewkesbury, the millionaire property developer, is favourite to succeed Danny Dunton as chairman of the National Speedway League.

Aston on list

Mark Aston, the Sheffield Eagles stand-off, has been transfer-listed for £20,000.

END COLUMN

Juniors miming tantrum tennis

By Alastair McIver

A survey of tennis clubs, carried out for the organizers of next week's Nabisco Masters doubles revealed more than it bargained for. Doubles play, the traditional club game, is steadily increasing, the survey showed, but far more dramatically it also pointed to an alarming decline in the behaviour of junior players as they matched the worst excesses of their professional "heroes".

Bad language, racket throwing and tantrums by juniors all feature strongly in the survey and, according to one club secretary ". . . it's all down to the professionals. We had a dreadful time when Nastase and then McEnroe were around; line calls, arguing etc. Luckily Wilander's tendency to spit is not being copied."

Fifty five per cent of the clubs surveyed supported that viewpoint and of those few were confident it would improve. "Juniors are increasingly influenced by the behaviour of professionals, generally not for the better," another club secretary said. "They think they can copy bad manners."

Paul Hutchins, Great Britain's outgoing national team manager, does not lay all the blame at the feet of the professionals, however. "When one player makes an outburst, it's a news story, but generally the really bad behaviour revolves around two or three of the professionals."

Regrettably though, it is just those two or three players whom youngsters tend to copy, though it is something which Richard Lewis, the incoming national squad director responsible for all 18 and under players, does not see as



Hutchins: not all guilty

a big problem: "I think it is interesting that the findings of the survey are not overwhelming. I would say that the bad behaviour trend in clubs is reversing when I compare it to my day."

If the trend is to continue to reverse, however, the clubs, most of whom are desperate for the income that is generated by subscriptions from juniors, must try to put their houses in order, something they seem reluctant to do. Perhaps as amateur bodies they do not see the quelling of bad behaviour as their responsibility but rather as a parental one.

Whoever's responsibility it is, someone has to point out to juniors the disadvantages of what they are doing on court. As Hutchins says: "If only junior players realized that tantrums have a totally negative effect on their play . . ."

Surely the same goes for professional players also. For them though, there is the additional but as yet unidentified problem of the implications of their on-court actions. *Their* parental body, the Association of Tennis Professionals, wraps its cotton wool arm around its members far too protectively, negotiating (with the men's pro council) negligible fines that have little or no effect on its players' future behaviour.

The ATP should seriously start to think about addressing the problems of on-court behaviour through education rather than meaningless fines, for that would have a far greater impact on the players than the present system of fines.

The survey did not reveal trends, just facts. Whether the trend towards misbehaviour on-court is down (the view favoured by Lewis) or up, the game, from Grand Prix to grass roots level, has a responsibility to act. The clubs' situation is intolerable. Whether it gets worse before it gets better remains to be seen.

The next televized tennis in Britain will be the World Doubles in December. A tantrum there could take a few more of our square-eyed tennis youngsters down the road to indiscipline. Patrick Denchar, the tournament director, reflecting on the survey's findings, echoes the views of many: "I hope that the players' determination to win is not reflected in any bad behaviour. We have the young tennis stars in Britain to consider."

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